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"WHAT CHEER ?"
FOUNDED
1636
INCORPORATED 1832

PREFACE

THIS, the fifteenth volume of the Early Records of the Town of Providence, produces in type the contents of volume one of the second series of the "Providence Town Papers," a full explanation of which is contained in the Fourth and Fifth Reports of this commission. These papers, brought together as therein stated, after having been carefully repaired and arranged in chronological order, have been inserted in books made especially for the purpose, entitled "Providence Town Papers." These papers are decidedly miscellaneous in character and include petitions, letters, reports, depositions, tax lists, and nearly every other kind of public document in use in the early days of the Providence settlement during the time they cover, which extends from 1639 to 1682. The Commissioners have reproduced these papers in type with all the imperfections of spelling and arrangement, believing that any editing or revising would detract from their value. Every paper in the manuscript volume has been included in the body of the printed volume with one exception, viz: No. 0227, which has been inserted here in the preface as a better place for discussion and explanation which the Commissioners felt should accompany it.

The paper is as follows:

[0227]

	Tho Hopkins	Zach Rhodes
Jam. Ashton. 2	Tho. Harris J^{r}	John Throckmorton
Tho. Angel	Benj Herenden	Pard^{n}. Tillinghast
Ben. Arnold 6	W^{m}. Harris	W^{m}. Wickenden
W^{m}. Arnold	John Jones	Josh. Winsor
Step Arnold 6	Edwd. Jnman	Rob. West
Hen. Brown	Adonija Morris	Robt. Williams
W^{m}. Burroughs	Rog^{r} Mowry	Rich^{d}. Waterman
Sam Bennet	Edwd Manton	Val. Whitmen

Hugh Bewet
John Brown
Maturin Belloo
Wm Blackstone
Danl. Comestock
John Clawson
Tho. Clemance
Robt. Cole
Wm Carpenter
Gre. Dexter
Arthr. Fenner
John Field
Wm. Field
Wm Fenner
John Fenner
Wm. Hawkins

Tho. Olney senr.
Robt. Pike
Nich Power
Richd Pray
Tho. Sucklin
John Sayles
Geo. Shephard
Richd Scot
Chris Smith
Benj Smith
Edwd. Smith
John Smith
Tho. Slow
Tho. Roberts
Hen. Raddock
Geo. Rickots
James Reaper

Hen. Wright
Rogr. Williams
Tho. Walling
Law Wilkinson
W Arnold 1
Ste Arnold
Ja. Ashton
Tho. Arnold
Tho. Angell
Tho. Burden
Hen. Brown
Sam. Bennet
Danl. Brown
Jno. Brown
Rob. Colwell
Wm Carpenter

Tho Clemence
Gre. Dexter
Wm. Harris
Wm. Hawkins
Tho Hopkins
Tho Harris
Tho. Harris Junr
Ben. Herenden
Jno Jones
Edwd. Jnman
Shad. Manton
Edwd. Manton
Rogr. Mowry
Jam Matteson
Ste. Northrop
Tho. Olney
Epes. Olney

Tho. Olney Junr.
Richd Olney
Jam. Reap
Tho. Roberts
Zach Rhodes
Richd Scot
Tho. Slow
Chrs. Smith
Edwd. Smith
John Smith Mason
John Smith Miller
John Steere
John Sherdon
John Scott
Tho Suckling
John Sayles
Jos. Wise

Geo. Way
Law. Wilkinson
John Whipple
Rogr. Williams
Hen Wright
Val. Whitman
Richd Waterman
Resold. Waterman
Robt. W( )
Wm. W( )
Hen. Fowler
John Field
Arthr Fenner
Wm Field
Jno Fenner

(*Verso*)

Men who continued in Providence dureing the War of 1675

Roger Williams	Richd Pray	Willm. Hawkins
Nathl. Waterman	John Pray	John Rhodes
Thomas Fenner	Eph^{m}. Pray	Saml. Winsor
Henry Ashton	Abra^{m} Man	Thos Wallin
John Mowry	Jos^{h}. Woodward	
Danl. Abbot	Thos. Field	
James Olney	Zech^{h}. Field	A List of the
Val^{l}. Whitman	Edwd. Bennet	Inhabitants who
John Whipple	Thos. Clemence	Tarried in Providence
John Angel	Willm. Lancaster	During Philips War. — of
James Angel	Willm. Hopkins	1675.
Thomas Arnold		

This paper consists of a sheet on the recto of which is a long list of names with no contemporaneous heading or designation preceding it. The last twenty-seven names printed above have an apparently contemporaneous heading, viz.: "Men who continued in Providence dureing the War of 1675," preceding them, and are with the heading just given printed on the verso, and hence seemingly follow the names given on the recto. The sheet is folded for filing and is endorsed or filed on the outside with the words printed above at the end of the list, viz.: "A List of the Inhabitants who Tarried in Providence During Philips War. — of 1675."

The endorsement is in the handwriting of Theodore Foster, who was town clerk of Providence from 1775 to 1787 and who was a man of literary and historical attainments. In so indorsing the whole paper he was influenced, no doubt, by the designation contained in the paper applicable only to a part of the names, those following the designation, and hence fell into error, for the entire list could not have possibly been the names of the men who tarried in Providence during the war. The list of names following the words: "Men who continued in Providence dureing the war of 1675," undoubtedly contains the names of such persons, for they are the same names which appear in the records of the town, made by Roger Williams, the town clerk at the time, and printed in Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vol. VIII., p. 12.

Just what the list of names on the recto of the first leaf, those preceding the title, is intended to represent, would be difficult to determine at this late date; it contains, however, most of the names of the men of Providence for the first fifty years of the settlement.

Included among the papers herein printed are a number of Roger Williams' letters, making a valuable collection of the writings of the distinguished founder of these plantations. On account of their extreme value, and for the purpose of presenting them in as nearly their original condition as possible, the Commissioners have caused to be made photographic reproductions of some of them as fitting illustrations to the work as well as indicating generally the character and appearance of the papers which are here printed.

In printing this collection of papers the Commissioners have followed the method of procedure which they early adopted in perpetuating the early records. They believe that all the earliest records should be permanently preserved by printing, and in following this method it has been necessary to make the series of volumes cover a variety of records. In this way the Commissioners have preserved in type the four earliest books of records, these containing all the proceedings of the town before any classification of records had been made. Following this was printed the first book of wills in existence, then the town meeting and the town council records were printed, and next preceding this volume the first book used for the recording of land evidences. With the printing of this volume all of the earliest records of the town are now in print. It may be convenient to state that the work which the Commissioners have been engaged upon for several years past was authorized by the following resolution of the City Council of Providence, approved March 6, 1891:

"Resolved, That Horatio Rogers, George M. Carpenter, and Edward Field, are hereby appointed record commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, for the purpose of collecting and printing the early records of the town of Providence. And said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for collecting and printing said records, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for printing."

Since the adoption of this resolution appropriations have been made from time to time for the continuance of the work.

The system used by the Commissioners in printing has been the same as that heretofore followed in other volumes, and the only additional fact to be observed is the heavy faced type used at the beginning of each document to designate such document. These refer to the number of each paper as they are now arranged in the volume of Providence Town Papers.

The figures at the top of the pages, and enclosed in brackets, indicate the paging of this present volume.

This mark | shows the beginning and end of interlineations in the original.

Words or letters printed in parentheses are so found in the original.

Brackets enclosing blank space, thus, [ ] signify that something is missing, or illegible, in the original.

The sign ꝑ is sometimes used to represent a contraction, or double letter, which, in the original, stands for pr, and is used as the representative of syllables containing those letters with a vowel.

Four indexes accompany the volume — an index to subjects, an index to names, a separate index to Indian names, and a miscellaneous index.

HORATIO ROGERS,
EDWARD FIELD,
Record Commissioners.

PROVIDENCE, December 5, 1899.

PROVIDENCE

TOWN PAPERS

Volume One

[01] ye Last of 10th mon. yeare so called 1635

R^d by me Roger Williams of John Greene of ye towne stock ye full Sum of } £ 02 s 09

Roger Williams

J P^d to Ed: Cope: Bened Arnold & Geo: Riccards 00 13^s 00

Cash m^r Cole ye Townes debt 02

Stukely westcott 10 00

W Harris 01 10 08

Joshua Winsor 00 10 05

Balance Jo: Throckmorton of Mr Williams } 2-01-00

[ ] towne from Mr Cole 2-0 -00

Stukeley westoct 2-00-

Wm Harris 1-00-00

Wm Wigghingten 0- 5-00

Receaued from m^r Throgmorton 46^s
for the vse of the townes
ꝑ me Tho: James

Whereof ten shillings geuen to Ezekiell $Holim^n$
for the stocks & this towne booke. /
Jtem 36 shillings left with [ ]
[ ] towne of the neighbors. / *

1639

M^{du}: third month 13 die. it was agreed by
the consent of the towne that by the last
of the month aforesaid the Rams shold be sen[ ]
away to ye Jland. and in case of L[ ]
of any of them
it is to be borne by common charge

*The words on the first line of this paragraph are struck through with a pen; and the words which were originally written in the spaces indicated by brackets are intentionally obliterated with a pen so as to be now illegible.

R^d of w^m Arnold toward the Payment of 22^s to w^m Harris	0	03	0
J G:	00	00	10
R: W	00	02	01
J Th:	00	00	1
W. C.	00	00	10
[ ]		00	1

[02] A True Coppie of That which is called The Combination: As ffollow-eth: as it standeth upon Record in o^r Towne Booke

providence this 27th of the 5th Month in the Yeare so called i640

Wee Robert Coles: Chad Browne: William Harris: and John Warner: being ffreely chosen by the consent of our loving ffreindes, and Neighbours the inhabetance of this Towne of providence: having many differances amongst us: They being ffreely willing and also bound themselves to stand to our Arbetration in all differences amongst us: to rest contented in our determination: Being so betrusted: wee have seriously and carefully indeavoured to waye and consider all those differences: being desirous to bring them to vnitye and peace: Although our abillities are farr short in the due examination of such weightye thinges: yet so farr as wee cann conceive laieing all thinges together: wee have gon the fairest and equallest way to produce o^r peace:

Agreed j

Wee have with one consent agreed: that in the parting those ꝑticular proprietyes: which som of our freindes and Neighbours have in pautuxett: from the Gennerall Comon of o^r Towne of providence, to runn upon a straight line from a fresh spring: being in the gully: at the head of the Coave running in by the pꝑynt of Land called Saxeffrax: unto the Towne of Mashapauge to an Oake Tree standing neere unto the corne ffeild: being at this tyme the nearest corne ffeild unto pautuxett: The oake Tree having ffowre markes with an Axe: tell some other land marke bee sett for a certaine boundes

Also wee agree that if any Meaddow ground: lieing and ajoyneing to that Meadow: that Borders upon the River of pautuxett: com within the aforsaide Line which will not com within a straight Line from Longe Coave to the marked Tree: Then for that meadow to belonge to pautuxet And so beyond the Towne of Mashapauge from the oake Tree betweene the two fresh Rivers of pautuxett: and Wanasquatuckett: of ann even distance —

Agre: 2:

Wee have with one consent agreed that for the desposing of those Landes y^t shall be desposed: belonging to this Towne of providence: to be in the hole inhabetance By the choyce of 5 men for Gennerall disposall, to be Betrusted: with desposall of Landes; And also of

the Towne stock: and all Gennerall thinges: And not to receive in: 6: dais: in any as Townes men, But first to give the inhabetance notice: to consider if any have just cause to show against the receiveing of him: as you can aprehend: And to receive none: but such as subscribe to this o^{r} determination: Also wee | agree | y^{t} if any of o^{r} Neighbours doe aprehend himselfe wronged: by these: or any of these: five desposers: y^{t} at the Gennerall Towne meetting hee may have a Triall:

Also wee agree for the Towne to chuse besides the other five men: one more to Keepe Recordes of all thinges belonging to the Towne and Lieing in the Comon:, | we agree | As formerly hath benn the libertyes of the Towne: so Still to hold forth Libertye of Conscience —:

Agre: 3: That after many considerations, And consulltations of o^{r} owne state and also of states abroad in way of Goverment: wee aprehend no way so sutable to o^{r} condition as Goverment by way of Arbetration: But if men Agree themselves by Arbetration: no State wee Know of disalowes that, neither doe wee: But if men Refuse that which is but comon humanetye betweene man, and man: then to compell such unreasonable persons to a Reasonable way: wee agree that the five desposers shall have power to compell him Either to chuse Two men himselfe: or if hee Refuse: for them to chuse Two men to Arbetrate his cause: And if these fowre men chosen by each partye Two: doe end the cause: then to see theire detirmination performed: And the faultive to pay the Arbetrators for theire tyme spent in it: But if these fowre men doe not end it: then for the five desposers to chuse Three men to put an End to it: And for the certaintye hereof: wee agree the major part of the five desposers to chuse the Three men: And the major part of the Three men to End the cause: having power from the five disposers: by A noate under theire hand to performe it: And the faultive not Agreeing in the first to pay the charge of the Last: And for the Arbetrators to ffollow no imployment tell the cause be ended: without consent of the whole: that

(*Verso*)

Memorandum, There are Two wordes: in the first page of this Copie interlined, the which Wordes are these (: Wee agree:) those wordes are in the origenall, from whence this Copie was taken; and was interlined by me Thomas Olney junior Towne Clarke

(*Recto*)

have to doe with the Cause, Jn the first Arbetration: the ofender may offer Reasonable tearmes of peace: and the ofender may Exact upon him and refuse, and trouble men beyond reasonable satisfaction so for the Last Arbetrators to judge where the fault was in not agreeing in the first: to pay the charge of the Last

Jnstance

Agre: 4: That if any person damnifie any man either in Goodes or Good name: and the person ofended follow not the cause upon the ofender that if any person give notice to the five desposers; they shall call the partye delinquent to Answere by Arbetration:

Jnstance Thus if any person abuse another in person or Goodes, may be for peace sake a man will at presant put it up, and it may so bee Resolve to Revenge: Therefore for the peace of the State, the desposers are to looke to it in the first place.

Agre 5 ffor all the whole inhabetance to combind o^r^selves to assist any man in the pursuite of any partye delinquent with all o^r^ best endeavours to atach him: But if any man Raise a Hubbub and there be not just cause then for the partye that Raised the Hubbub to satisfie men for theire tymes lost in it;

Agre 6 That if any man have diference with any of the ffive desposers: which cannot be deffered tell Gennerall meetting of the Towne: hee may have the clarke call the Towne together at his ocationed tyme for a Triall

Jnstance Jt may bee a man may be to depart the Land: or to a farr part of the Land: or his estate may ly upon a speedy Triall: or the like case may fall out

Agre 7 That the Towne by the ffive men shall give every man A deede of All his Landes lieing within the boundes of the plantation to hold it by for after ages:

Agre 8 That the ffive desposers shall from the date hereof meete every month day upon Gennerall thinges: and at the quarter day to yeld to a new choyse and give up theire old accountes

Agre 9 That the Clarke shall call the ffive desposers together at the month day: and the Gennerall Towne together every quarter to meete upon gennerall ocations from the date hereof

[ ]gre 10 That the Clarke is to Receive for every cause that comes to the Towne for a Triall 4^d^, And for makeing each mans deede 12^d^: and to give up the Booke to the Towne at the yeares end and yeeld to A new choyce:

Agre ii That all actes of desposall on both sides to stand since the difference

Agre 12 That every man that hath not paid in his purchase money for this plantation, shall make up his 10^s^ to be 30^s^ equall with the first purchasers: And for all that are Received Townes men hereafter to pay the like sum of money to a Towne stock

These being those thinges which wee have Gennerally Concluded on for o^r^

peace wee desiring o^{r} Loving ffreindes to receive as o^{r} absolvtee determination: Laieing o^{r} selves downe as subjects to it Wittnesse o^{r} handes

the mark	Chad Browne	John Warner
of	Robt. Coles	John X ffeild
X John	William Harris	William Arnold
Lipett	John Throckmorton	William ffeild
	Stukley Westcott	Edward Cope
Joane Tiler	Benedict Arnold	Edward X manton marke
X		
marke	William Carpenter	William man
Jane X Seare	Richard Scott	Nicolas Power
Christophar	Thomas Harris	William X Renalls marke
Thanke	ffrances X Weekes marke	Thomas Olney
Will X iam	Thomas X Angells marke	Richard X Waterman
Haukins	Adam X Goodings marke	William Wickenden
	William X Burrowes marke	Edward H|e|art
Copied this 28 day of March:	Roger Williams	Hugh Bewett
i662 by me Tho: Olney	Robert West X his marke	
junior Towne Clarke	Joshua Winsor	Thomas X hopkins
		his marke
Robert Williams	Mathew Waller	Grigorey Dexter

[**03**] Whereas by an ordinance of ye Lords & Comons now Assembled in Parliam^{t} beareing date the 2^{d} day of november Anno dom. 1643. Robert Earlle of Warwick is constituted & ordained Governor in Cheife & Lord high Admirall of all thos Jlands & other Plantations inhabited & planted by or belonging to any his Magesties ye King of Englands subjects (or wch hereaftere may be inhabited & planted by (or belonging to them) wthin ye bounds & vpon ye Casts of America, And whereas ye said Lords haue thought fitt & thereby ordained, y^{t} Phillipp Earle of Pembroke, Edward Earle of Manchester, William Vicant Say & Seale, Phillopp Lord Whorton, John Lord Rolers members of ye house of Peeres, Sir Gilbert Garard, barrenet, Sir Artur Hasleing Barrenett, Sir Henry Vanne Junior Knight, Sir Benjamin Rudyerd Knight, John Pim, Oliuer Crumwell, Dennis Bond, Mils Corbett, Cornelius Holland, Sammuell Vassell, John Rolle & William Spurstowe Esquirese members of ye howse of Comons, should be Commissoners to joyne in aide & assistance wth ye said Earle; And whereas for ye better Govem^{t} & defence of ye said Plantations it is hereby ordained, y^{t} the aforesaid Govern^{r}. & Comm^{r}s; or ye greater Number of them | shall | haue power & authority from time to time, to nominate, appointe, & Constatute, all such subordinat Govern^{r}, Counselors; Commanders, officers, & Agents as they shall

judge to be best affected, & most fitt & serviceable for ye said Jslands & Plantations, & to provid for ordere & dispose all things, wch they shall from time to time find most fitt & advantagiouse for ye said Plantation And for ye better security of ye owners & inhabitants thereof to Asine rattify & confirme, soe much of their aforementioned authority & power, & in such manner, & to such parsons, as they shall judge to be fitt, for ye better Gouerning & preseruing of ye said Plantations & Jslands, from open violence & private disturbances & distractions, And whereas their is a Tract of Land in ye Continent of America aforesaid called by ye name of ye Narragansitt Bay, bordering north & northest, on ye Patten of ye Massechusetts, East & Southeast o [ ] Patten; South on ye oation, & on ye weast & norweast [ ]

(*Verso*)

By Jndians called Nahigganneucks alis Narragansetts; ye whole tract extending about twenty & fiue English miles, vnto ye Pecut river & country. & whereas diuers well affected & industrious English Jnhabitants of ye Townes of Providence, Porchmouth, & Nuport, in ye tract aforesaid, haue adonhtred to make a nearer naighbour hood & so^{s}iaty wth ye great body of Narragansetts wch may in time by ye blessing of God vppon their indevours lay a surer foundation of happines to all America, & haue alsoe purchased, & are: Purchasing of & amonst ye said Natiues, some other places wch may be convenient both for plantations, & also for Building of shipps, supply of pipe staues, & other Marchandice: And whereas ye said English haue represented their desires to ye said Earle and Comin^{r}s. to haue their hopefull beginings approued & confirmed by granting vnto y^{m} a free Charter of sivell incorporration & Gouorment, y^{t} they may order & Govern their Plantations, in such mannor as to maintaine justice, & peace both amongst themselues & towards almen, wth whome they shall haue to doe: Jn due consideration of ye said premises ye said Robert Earle of Warwek Govern^{r} in cheife, Lord High Admirall of ye said Plantations, & ye greater Number of ye said Commissionours, whose names & seales are her vnder written & subjoyned out of a desire to incourage ye good beginings of ye said planters, doe by ye authority of ye aforesaid ordinance of Lords & Commons, giue grant & confirme, to ye aforesaid Jnhabitants of ye Townes of Providence, Porchmouth, & Newport a free & absolute Chartere, of Civell Jncorporation, to be knowne, by ye name of the Jncorporation of Providence Plantations, in ye Narragansit bay in New England, together wth full powre & authority, to Govorn & rull themselues, & such others as shall hereaftere inhabitt wthin any part of ye said Tract of Land by such aforme of Civell Goverm^{t}, as by voluntary consent, of all or ye greatest part of [ ]^{m} shalbe found most sutable to there Estate & Condition and [ ] at end to make & ordaine such Civell Lawes & Constitutions, &

(*Recto*)

And to inflict such Punishm^{ts} vppon transgressers, & for execution thereof soe to place & displace, Officers of Justice, as they or ye greatest part of y^{m} shall by free consent agree vnto, Provided Neverthelesse, y^{t} ye said Lawes, Constitutions & Punishm^{ts}, for ye Civell Goverm^{t} of ye said Plantations be conformable to ye Lawes of England, soe farre as ye nature & Constitution of ye place will admitt, And alwayes reseruing to ye said Earle, & Comm^{r}s. & there Sucsesers power, & authority soe to dispose ye Gererall Goverm^{t} of y^{t}, as it stands in refferance to ye rest of ye Plantations in America, as they shall consceiue from time to time most conducing to ye Generall good of ye said Plantations, ye Honour of his Magisty, & ye savice of this State, & ye said Earll & Comm^{r}. doe furthere authorice ye aforesaid Jnhabitants, for ye better Transcacting of there Publique affaires to make & vse a publique Seale as ye knowne Seale of Providence Plantations in ye Narragansitts Bay in New England, in Testimony whereof ye said Robert Earle of Warwick & Comm^{r} haue he[ ]vnto set there Hands & seales ye ffourtenth day of March in ye Nintenth Yeare of ye Raine of our Soveraine Lord King Charles & in ye Yeare of our Lord God; 1643

Robert Warwick

Phillipp Pembrooke, Gray & Seale, P. Whartone, Arthore Helsrige, Cor. Holland, Hen. Vane, Sam. Vassell, John Rooll, Miles Corbet, Will. Spurstowe:

[04] The 24th of the 8th month 1643

At a meeting of the plantation it was agreed [ ]
granted and are Receiued inhabitantes of [ ]
lots and their p^{t} in the Comon fence [ ]
day of Aprill next or else forfete th[ ]
the plantation and likwise to Remoue the [ ]
Jnhabite there by this time twelue mon[ ]
lots againe in to the handes of the plant [ ]
alowing them for their nessesary imp[ ]
descresstiones of all thinke meete]

(*Verso*)

Cop. of Sd Courtes Order

[05] The wittness of will ffeild of prouidence in the case of Adoniah Morris Administrator to the deseased Robt^{e} Morris

The saith Christoper Hauxhust Bought a peece of fustian of Robt^{e} Morris and promised to pay unto the said Robt^{e} Morris 12 Bushells and peck and ½. | of Jndian Corne vpon demand | and this to pay the said Robt^{e} Morris: in at

Seacunck or prouidence wth the said Robt^{e} morris would wittness my hand this 4th of the 6th month 1645

William feild

I deborah ffield doe testifye as aboue written wittness my hand the day and yeare above written

The mark of X deborah ffeild

Also John Hassell of Rehoboth | by | his written doth wittness that Christopher Hauxhurst did promis to pay vnto Adoniah Morris

(*Verso*)

[ ] on of [ ]

[ ] Executor to his Brother Robert Morris deceased,

A Declaration of Adonijah Morris against Christopher Hawxhust viz.

Jmprimis, that the said Christopher is indepted to the said Adonijah twelue = bushels | & halfe a peck | of Jndian Corne.

Jte that the said Adonijah hath spent in time three dayes in & about the said busines.

Jte the charges of the suit.

[ ]oniah Morris

[06] The decl[[ ]
Jnhabitant [ ]
plantife, a [ ]
the said p[ ]
That the said Thomas A[ ]
seaven weekes last past, [ ]
side of the said plantifes [ ]
be damnified Three [ ]
/ 27 of August 1646.

(*Verso*)

Robt Wests declaration C[ ]ntea Tho: Angell

[07] Whareas the house and hands of Edward Cope deceased lyeth in Confusion becase no man hath orderly Adminstered there vpon Jt is therefore Ordered that thay may haue liberty within these twelue monthes and one day next after the date heare of to Adminster vpon the aforesaid house and Lands otherwise the Towne will procede &c.

Prouidence the 27
of the 11th month
(called)
1646

William Man
Towne Clark

Providence 21 of 12 mon 1646 So saith

These are in the name of King & Parliament of England to require
you whose names are hereunto written to appear on
next second day after sunrise by 9 of ye clock at ye Towne
house to give in evidence & testimonie in a cyle depend
Betweene Thomas Angell & Robert West

Robert Cole
Richard Waterman
William Field
John Lippit
Thos Harris
Christopher Lawkhurst
Bethiah Waterman

Roger Williams

To Thos Olney Sergeant of
Providence

WARRANT ISSUED BY ROGER WILLIAMS.

Providence Town Papers, 98.

[08] Prouidence 21 of 12. mont: 1646 (so calld)

These are in the name of King & Parliam^{t} of England to require you whose names are herevnder written to appeare ye next second day of ye weeke by 9 of ye clock at ye Towne howse to giue in Evidence & testimonie in a Case depending betweene Thomas Angel & Robert West

Robert Cole
Richard Waterman
William Field
John Lippit
Tho: Harris
Christopher Haukehurst
Bethiah Waterman
To Tho: Hopkins Seargeant of Prouidence

Roger Williams:

[09] To our loving and well-betrusted ffreinds, and Neighbours

Gregory Dexter Wm Wickenden Tho: Olney Rob: Williams Rich: Waterman: Roger Williams Wm Field: Jo: Greene. Jo: Smith: John Lippitt

Wee the greatest part of the Jnhabitants of this plantation of providence, having orderly chosen | you | at our Towne meeting, this 16 of the third month i647 To appeare for vs, at the generall Court of this Colonye, to be held at portsmouth, on Rode Jland, vpon the 18 of this instant month, desiring the Lords providence, for yor safe Arivall there; We all voluntarily assenting, doe heerby, giue you full power, and Authoritye as ffolloweth

ffirst, to Acte, and Voate for vs, respectiuely, or otherwise, as if we our selues were in person; for the setling of this generall Court for the present, and allsoe for the composing of it into any ffigure for the future, as Cause shall require

Secondly, to Acte, and Voate for vs as aforesaid, in the Choise of all Generall Officers, as neede shall require

Thirdly, Jf the Generall Court shall consist but | of | i0 men for each Towne, then you are to Acte accordinglye for this Towne And if the Generall Court shall be reduced into a fewer number (which for divers Considerations we conceiue may be for the best) Then we giue you full power to choose out from amonge your Selues, such a number of o[ ]r loving neighbours, as shall answer the same figure; vnto whome, being orderly Choosen by you, we doe giue you power, to transferr this our Commission, giving of them full power, to Acte, and Voate for vs the Jnhabitants of this plantation, in all Generall Affaires; and for the setling of the Jland in peace and Vnion; And for all matters that shall Concerne this perticuler Towne; desiring a carefull respecte vnto these insueing Jnstructions But if the Court shall consist | of | i0 of each Towne, then our desires are, that this our Commission, with these insueing Jnstructions, may remaine intire in your owne hands

ffirst, that We may haue a true Coppye of our Charter, Assigned vnto vs by the Generall Court, for the proper use, and benifitte of our plantation

Secondly, We doe voluntarilye Assent, and are freely Willing, to receiue, and to be governed by the Lawes of England, together with the way of the Administration of them, so farr as the Nature, and Constitution, of this plantation will admitte; desiring (so farr as possibly may be) to hold a Correspondencye with the whole Colonye, in that Modell, that hath been lately shewed vnto vs, by o^r worthy ffreinds of the Jland, if the Generall Court, shall compleate, and confirme the same; or any other Modell, as the Generall Court shall agree vpon, according to our Charter

Thirdly, We desire to haue full power, and authoritye, to transacte. all our home Affaires, to trye all manner of Causes, or Casses, and to execute, all manner of Executions, intirely, within our selues, excepting such Casses, and Executions, as the Collonye shall be pleased to referr, to generall Tryalls and Executions &c

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ffourthly, We desire to haue full power, and Authoritye, to Choose, orday[ ] Authorize, and confirme, Al[ ] our perticular towne Officers; and allsoe that the said Officers, shall be responsable vnto our perticular Tow[ ] And that there may be noe inter mixture, of Generall, & perticular Of[ ] but that all, may knowe th[ ]e bounds, & Limits

ffixtly, We desire to haue an exacte, & orderly way open, for Appeale vnto Generall Courts; that so, if any shall be justly greived, at any sentence passed, or otherwise, he, or they, may make their Lawfull Charge. (for releife) there

Lastly, Whereas it was hinted, in that, which our worthy ffreinds read vnto vs, that each Towne, should haue a Charter of Civell [ ]orporations a part, for the transactinge of perticuler Affaires; Jf this Court shall proceede so farr, as to agitate, and order the same, then we giue you full power on our behalfes, to moue, and procure any things, (besides these Jnstructions) that in yor wisdome you conceiue, may tend, vnto the Generall peace & Vnion of the Colonye, and our owne perticular Liberties, and privelledges provided, you doe all | or ye most of you | Vnanymously agree therein; And all wayes reserving, our equall voats, and equall privilledges, in the Generall Thus betrusting you wit[ ] the premises; We committee you vnto the protection, & direction of the Allmightye, Wishinge | you | a comforta[ ] voyage, a happy successe, and a safe retourne vnto vs againe, Yo^r Thankfull ffreinds and Neighbours

Roger Williams Moderatour

Jt was voted [ ] desires
granted in Reix 2^d Jul
[ ] 214 Jnstruction Town

[010] Considering: The greate Mercye afforded vnto vs, in this Libertye thus to meete togeather; being denyed to many of o^r Countrymen in most partes, especially in our poore Natiue Country, Now deploring their distressed Condition in most sad & bloodie Calamities

That Vngratitude & disacknowledgm^ts. of ffavours receaved, are just causes, for the deprivation of them; Togeather wi[ ] home devisions, & home Conspiracies, the Ruination of ffami[ ] Towne & Countrye

Moreover the many plotts, & present Endeavours at home, and abroade, Not only to dissturbe our peace, & Liberties; but vtterly to rutte vp, both Roote & Branch of this our Beinge

That Governm^t, held forth, through Loue, Vnion, & Order, allthough by few in Number, & meane in Condition; yet (by experience) hath withstood, & overcomed mightye Opposers And aboue all, the severall & vnexpected deliverances of this poore plantation, by that mightye providence, who is still able to deliver vs, through Loue, Vnion, & Order

Therefore being senceable of these greate & weightye premises, & Now mette togeather, to Consulte aboute our peace & Liberties, whereby our ffamilies & posterities may still injoye these ffavours

And that we may publickly declare vnto all, the free discharge of our Consciences & Dutyes, whereby it may appeare vpon Recorde, That we are not willfully opposite, Nor carelesse & sencelesse, and thereby meanes of our owne | & others, | ruine & destruction

And especially in Testimonye of our fidelitye & Cordiall affections vnto one another heere present; that so there may be a Currant, peaceable, & Comfortable proceedinge We doe faythfully & vnanimously, by this our subscription | promise | vnto eich other, to keepe vnto these ensueing perticulars

ffirst, that the foundation in Loue may appeare amonge vs What Causes of differences, hath heertofore been given either by word or misbehaviour, in publicke, or private, Concerninge perticular, or Generall affares, by any of vs heere present, not to mention or repeate them in this Assemblye, but that Loue shall cover the multitudes of them, in the Graue of Oblivion

Secondly y^t Vnion may proceede from Loue, We doe promise to keepe Constant vnto those severall jugagem^ts. made by vs both vnto our Towne, & Colonye; And that to the Vtter most of our powers, & Abilities, to maintaine our lawfull Rights & privillidges, and to vphold the Governm^t. of this plantation Allsoe that Loue may appeare in Vnion, We desire to abandon all causelesse feares & jealioussyes of on another, Selfe-seekings & strivings one against another, Only aymeing at the generall & particular peace & Vnion of this Towne & Colonye

Lastly for our more Orderly proceeding in this Assemblye, whereby Loue & Vnion may appeare in Order Jf in o^r Consultations .

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Differences of Judgm^{ts}. shall arise, then moderately in Order through Argumentation, to Agitate the same; Considering the Cause, how farr it may be hurtfull, or conducing vnto our Vnion peace & Liberties, and accordingly unte, not after the will, or person of any, but vnto the Justice & righteoussnes of the Cause

Againe, if in Case, such Causes shall be presented wherein such difficulties shall appeare, that evident Argumen.^{t}s can not be given for present satisfaction, but that either Towne, or Colonye, or both, shall suffer, Then to take into o^{r} Consideration, a Speech, of a beloved friend, Better to suffer an inconvenience, then a Mischeife; better to suspend with a Losse, which may be inconvenient, then to be totally disvnited, & bereaved of all Rights & Liberties, which will be a Mischeife indeede

Moreover that Offences, & Distractions may be prevented, y^{t} so the Currant of Bussinesses, may peaceably proceed in this Assemblye, We doe faythfully promise so to carrie our selues in Words, & Behaviours, so Moderately & Orderly as the Cause shall permitte, and if in Cause any of vs shall flye out in provoaking, scurrilous, or exorbitant speeches, & vnsuiteable behaviours, that he, or they so doeing shall be publickely declared, branded, & noated vpon Record, to be a Common Violator & disturber of the Vnion, peace, & Liberties of this plantation, Dated Decemb^{r} 1647

We doe heere subscripe without partiallitye

Robert Williams
Roger Williams
John Smith
Hugh Bewitt:
William Wickenden
[ ]
Tho: X Hopkings
Will: X Hawkings

[011] Acc^{t}. of Land layed out this y^{r} ℔ Robert Williams & Hugh Bewitt survey^{r}. 60 Acers for Tho: Angell beyond smalle Brooke a 2nd share of Meddowe for Tho: Angell by his 6 Acres Lott On the side of Wanasquetukett River

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Agreed that Wil: Hawkins h Haue liberty to set | up | a kill to burne lime | in | befor his | own | Lot, dureing the Townes pleasure

27. of the 2nd m 1648. (so called.) Rog. Will. Moderatour

Will. Hawkins his grant

George Shepheard [ ] resigning his former | large | grant
Wil Wickenden & Rich Waterman surveier for the High-way

[012] For as much as ther is a Generall bruitt noysed throwout the Colonies of ye Country, Scittuated in thes parts of America, of a Mine Discouered within ye Jurisdiction and prouince of Prouidence plantations wch is Suggested to be GOLD: ye Generall assembly of ye said Colonie being Assembled att Poartsmouth one ye tenth day of March Ano Dom 1648: taking it into Serious Consideration, and haueing weighed ye Circumstances and finding Probability of ye truth ther of, and Knowing y^t^ by the Law of Nations it is ye Royaltie of ye Crowne and State of England. haue thought fitt,

Jn ye Name, and Powre therof, and doe, according to ye Royalty of ye said Dignitie, take Possession of ye said Mine and all other Royall Mines, wch are, or may be found, within ye Jurisdiction Consigned by ye Right hon^ble^ ye Earle of warwicke and ye rest of ye hon^bl^ ye Comission[ ]rs Vnto Prouidence Plantations, to ye end, it, or any other Mine of like qualitie Shall be Discouered hereafter, may be, and is, for ye Vse and disposure of y^t^ Royall state Crowne and Dignitie, of England:

Wee doe therfore by these Presents, Comand, and Require, all Nations, People, and Languages, by Vertue & power of ye Authoritie abouesaid. Vpon Penaltie of ye offence ordained by y^t^ Royall state in ye case prouided, to forbeare to take away or imbezle any parte or parts therof whatsoever, either directly, or indirectly, except bye Joint Consent of ovr Colonie for ye farther Triall and vse of ye said Royall State of England, Vntill ye s^d^ State of England shall giue further order therein: And we doe abselutly forbid any Vessell to ride neare unto ye s^d^ place, or if throw Jgnorance any shall happen to dropp their Anchor neare unto ye place wher any such Mine is, or hereafter shall be discouered, if vpon warning giuen they remoue not, ye Vessell and goods shall be Confiscated to this Colonie, and ye Master of ye s^d^ Vessell to be made prisoner to answer his Contempt.

And further we doe Proclaime by vertue of ye powre and Authority aboues^d^. That if any Person or Persons within our Jurisdiction hath at any Time hertofore Jmbezeled ye s^d^ oare or Concealed it after ye knowledg of itt soe to be a Mine Royall, and it be proued against them, Then ye person soe Charged and conuict shall be leyable to ye Censure of ye next Generall Court ensveing. ther to receiue condigne punishment according to ye nature of such high Contempt and Neglect: /

Now y^t^ it may appere to all men y o^r^ Care in this matter of ye Right and honour of y^t^ noble state hath beine declared in a legall way, we haue vnder fauour of ye abouesaid Honored state, Jnstetuted a publik officer, viz: m^r^ w^m^

Dyre whom we haue ordained instead of an Herald at Armes and by him haue solemly in ye face of o^{r} Generall assembly aboue mentioned, made Proclaimation, as aboves^{d} Vpon ye place wher ye mine is discouered he taking in ye presence of ye s^{d} assembly a certaine persell of ye Oare into his Custodie as a Signe and Pledg of y^{t} Honourable right w^{c}h ye s^{d} state of Ovld England hath to ye aboves^{d} Royall Mine, wch is further Solemnised by seting vp in ye place ye Armes of ye Crowne of England, together with ye Armes of ye L^{d} high Admirall our noble Gouerner in Cheif, and have underneath afixed ye Seale of o^{r} Colony

Giuen at o^{r} Gen: Assembly held at Poartsmouth ye tenth of March Ano: 1648: John Warner clir

[013] Acts & Orders made at the Gen^{r} Court of Elecon held at Proui dence May i6: i648

Mr Nicholas Easton was chosen Moderato^{r} for & during this Assembly

Wm Dyre is chosen Clark of the Assembly during ye sitting therof

Mr Wm Coddington was Elected p^{r}sid^{t}

Mr Jeremy Clark assist^{t} & Treas: Elected & Engag'd

Mr Roger Williams Assistant

Mr Wm Baulston Assistant:

Mr John Smith Elected & Engaged

Philip Sherman Gen Record

Mr Alexander Partridg Gen^{r} Sarj:

Jt is ord: y^{t} Capt Clark & Mr Barton shall go to ye Bay & Carry the Letter & Receaue their Ans: Concerning Warwick business. /.

Jt is ord: that six men of each Towne shall be chosen in whom ye Gen^{r} Cort shall Continew, & each Towne here shall haue the Choice of their men if they pleas, or if any Towne Refuse: the Cor̃t shall chuse them for for them if any else besides will Tarry they may whose help is desired And further it is ord: that this Comitté shall haue powre to determine by Major vote./.

Jt is ord: & by this Court determined y^{t} ye Gen^{r} Court of Tryall shal be kept by Course in such places wher the acoñs did Arise, or wher the ℘sons are apprehended & taken, and at such times as ye Comitté in whom the Authority of this Court is Continued and y^{t} thoss suitts y^{t} are already Commenct or shall be judged just by the Comitté to be Commenct shall be then & ther be Tryed as if they had been in the place & according to ye time formerly appointed & vpon the same [ ] to ye Court./.

The Comitte: is:

Prouidence	Nuport	Warwick	Ports:
Thomas Olnye	Mr Easton Moderatr	Mr Jno Smith	Capt Morris
Thomas Harris	Wm Dyre Cl	Ezek: Holymā	Jno Tripp
Wm Wickendall	Mr John Clark	John Warner	Georg Layton
Hugh Bewett	James Weedan	Robt Potter	Wm Almy
Robt Williams	James Barker	Chris Helmes	Jno Briggs
Gregory Dexter	Joseph Clark	Peter Green	Sam Willbor Jur

Jt is ord: That the Clark of this Assembly shall giue & Recd in ye name of ye State the engagemt to the officers of State according to ye order and it is further ordered yt wheras in ye engagemt of ye officers of State Ther is a Clause at the Latter end therof (vidzt) According to ye best of yor vnderstanding/ The Court interprets their meaning to be: That they are not or shall not vary from ye Letter of their Comission by any Equinocall exposicoñs

Mr Jeremy Clark, & Mr Jno Smith were ingaged in their officers, And Mr Balston & Mr Coddington were suspended. /.

Jt is ord: that wheras ther is diuers bills of Complat exhibited agst Mr Coddington who was elected Presidt, That if ye sd Presidt elect shall be found guilty, or being Cleer'd of ye sd Charges Refuse ye place, or if he refuse to giue engagemt to ye next sessions of this Court to be held for this Colony, That then the Assist of Nupt to witt Mr Jer: Clark shall be inuested in his place, & take the Authority of yt place vpon him:

Jt is also ord: That if at any time herafter He yt is made Presidt shall happen to dept the Colony or Prouince into any other Colony or into old England or if ye sd pr sidt shall dye then ye Genr Assistt of That Towne wher the Presidt was Chosen shall supply of ye 10 residt | 10 | non Residt or vacant w[ ]

(*Reverse*)

wth as full powre & Authority by vertue of this act as if he had beene chosen therto vntill ye sd Presidts returne or a new be chosen at ye next Court of Elecon ensuing. /.

Jt is also ordered That ye Clark of this Assemb shall Retaine in his hands the Records of the State & supply the Genr Recorders office in all points till the Genr Record elected, shall Come at ye next sessions of this Court and giue his engagemt to ye State & therin be inuested/.

Also it is further ord: That if it happen yt ye Genr Record dye or dept the Colony, Then ye Towne wher he did Liue shall take into their Custody the place and Charge, and inuest some on in ye place till ye next Genr Court of Elecon. /.

Jt is ord That foras much as the Presidt Elect hath not Attended this Court for ye Cleering of ye accusacons charg'd vpon him be it enacted & by ye Authority

of this Court Established y^t ye Assist^t of That Towne wherin ye Presid^t was chosen (vidzt) Mr Jeremy Clark shall supply ye place of ye Presid^t wth as full powre as if he had been Elected and instal'd or a new Presid^t be elected & installed any Clause in any other act or acts in any other orders formerly made notw^thstanding

Jt is ord That ye Gen^r Court of Tryall shall begin at Nup^t on Tewsday three weekes vidzt the i3^o of June & From thence to Portsm^o & so forward if ther be occasion; And it is ord: That all Causes or Complaints exhibited to ye sd Gen^r Court of Tryall shall be heard & determined by ye sd Court [ ] case ther be Non suitts or Nihill dicitts Taken, That the Jury impanel'd for ye sd Court shall enquire of damages / And ex[ ] (J [ ] forth theron, wch shall be as good and of effectuall fecte any Clause in any act notw^thstanding; Also it is ord: That ye Sarjants of the Townes shall execute their offices as formerly they haue done, till ther be a new Gen^r Sarjant made. /.

Jt is also ord. That if any of ye Ass^ts shall be absent from ye Gen^r Court of Tryall then those y^t are p^rsent shall be ye Judges of y^t Court effectually any act or order formerly made notw^thstanding /.

Jt is also ord That Capt Clark LL^t Dyre & Ensigne Barker shall stai[ ] the affaires of ye Band of Nup^t & p^rsent to ye next Sessions of Gen^r Court to Confirme & Establish. /.

Jt is ord: That each Towne shall w^thin x dayes meet together to Chuse ye Towne officers, & That Mr Easton shall call ye Townsmen of Nup^t, & Mr Berter, & Mr Samford shall call ye Townsmen off Portsm^o and Mr Weekes for Warwick & by vertue of a Comission vnto them, they shall call ye people together for to ꝓforme ye Serui[ ] aforsd, & to determine of their Towne Affai[ ]

Jt is ord: That this Court doth desire y^t ye Prison in Nup^t may be ye Prison for ye Colony for ye present, & That they would be pleasd to appoint a keeper therof. /.

Jt is ord: That if ye Sarjants be hindered or will n^t serue, any writt to y^m directe[ ] then [ ] epetiall bayls shall be made & appointed for y^t seruice by him y^t [ ] authority to grant ye writt. /.

[014] The 24 of the 6th moneth 1648. (so called.) [ ]ath Dickens | sayes | that field saith he had intimation by his wife of the alarum before he rose from his bed, she heard John Sweet give notice to Wil. Hawkins to give notice to Thomas Hopkins wife & Josiah Windsors. James Sweet beat the Drum the [ ] it, an they beat the [ ] by mat Waller and William ffield saith he met Stephen wth powder in his flask nobody in [ ]o | f | [ ]

Stephen confesseth James Sweet spake of some [ ] night

Will Hawkins saith John Sweet [ ] him to speak to Tho Hopkins & Josua[ ] wife, that he intended to shoot off a gun or two to see | how | [ ] his armes.

Hugh bewit saith that Mr Scot said he had intimation of the matter by his wife. she saith [ ] said there would be a false alarum by the Babel[ ]

Thomas Baldwin saith to me Gregory Dexter to this effect there was no Cause of feare it was | but | a Jest &c.

Daniel Cumstock cryed [ ] Olny Junior Confesseth

Goody Dickens confesseth she met Jo Swet Danile Cumstock, & other 2 befoare the alarum was giuen

(*Reverse*)

Ordered that [ ] men

The 24 of the 6t m. 1648 (so called.)

You Walter Lettice Daniel Cumstock, Janet Sweet are ingaged in the sumpset of ten pounds a piece to appeare at the next Court of tryall held the next 2nd day of the next moneth.

Gregory Dexter Town-Clerk

We do ingage you in the sumst of ten pounds to answere | either to [ ] or to his attorney | at the next Court of tryall held the next 2nd day of the next month

Gregory Dexter Town-Clerk

We doe ingage you in the supsit of ten pound to appeare at the next Court of tryall

Gregory Dexter Town-Clerke

[015] An humble Motion to ye Towne of Prouidence by Roger Williams

Worthy friends yt orselues & all Men are apt & prone to differ it is no New Thing in all former Ages in all parts of this World in these parts & in or deare Natiue Countrey & mournfull state of England

That either part or partie is most right in his owne eyes his Cause Right his Cariage Right, his Argumts Right his Answeres Right is as wofully & constantly true as ye former. And experience tells vs yt when ye God of peace hath taken peace from ye Earth one sparke of Action Word or Cariage is too too powrefull to kindle such a fire as y burnes vp Families Townes Cities Armies, Navies Nations & Kingdomes. And since (Deare friends) it is an Honour for Men to cease from strife: since ye Life of Loue is Sweete & Vnion is as strong as sweete. And since you haue bene lately pleased to call me to some publike service, & my

Soule hath long bene musing how I might bring Water to quench & not Oile or fuell to ye flame I am now humbly bold to beseech you by all those Comforts of Earth & Heauen wch a placable & peaceable Spirit will bring to you, & by all those dreadfull Alarums & Warnings either amongst o^{r} selues in Deaths & Sicknesses, or abroad in the raging Calamities of ye Sword Dearth & pestilence I say I humbly & earnestly beseech you to be willing to be pacifiable willing to be reconcileable willing to be Sociable, & to listen to y^{e} (I hope not vnseasonable) Motion following

To try out Matters by Disputes & writing is sometimes endles: To try out Argum^{ts} by Armes & Swords is cruell & merciles: To trouble ye state & Lords of England is most

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vnseasonable, most chargeable: To trouble o^{r} Neighbo[ ] of other Colonies seemes neither safe nor honourable Me thincks (Deare friends) ye Colonie now Lookes with ye torne face of 2 parties & y^{t} ye greater Number of Portsmouth with other Lo: friends adhering to them appeare as one grieved partie: The other 3 Townes or greater part of them appeare to be another, Let each partie choose & nominate 3 Portsmouth & o^{r} Friends adhering 3 /. The other partie 3 one out of each Towne Let Authoritie be giuen to them to examine euery publike Difference, Grievance & Obstruction of Justice peace & Common safetie. Let them by one finall Sentence of all or ye greater part of them, end all, & set the whole into an vnanimous posture & Order And let them set a Censure vpon any y^{t} shall oppose their Sentence One Log without yor gentle helpe I cannot stirr it is this How shall ye minds of ye Townes be knowne, how shall ye persons chosen be called, Time & place appointed wi[ ] any expedition. For my selfe I can thanckfully embrace ye helpe of Mr Coddington, or of Mr Clarke ioyned or apart, but how many are there who will attend (as o^{r} Distempers are) to neither? Jt is (Gentlemen) in ye power of ye Body to require ye helpe of any of her Members, & both King & Parliam^{t} lately pleaded y^{t} in extraordinary cases they haue bene forced to extraordinary wayes for Common safetie Let me be friendly Construed if (for expedition) I am bold to be too too forward in this seruice, & to say y^{t} if within 20 dayes of ye date hereof you please to send to my howse at Prouidence ye name of Him whome you please to Nominate, at yor desire I will acquaint

(*Recto*)

all the persons chosen with place & Time, vnto wch in Your name I shall desire their Meeting within 10 dayes or thereabouts after ye receit of yor Letters I am Yo^{r} mournfull & vnworthy

31. 6. 48 (so calld) Roger Williams.

[016] At o' Court of Tryalls: 4th: 10mth 1648

Adonijah: Morrice, Contra Edward Manton for breach of Covenant/

Adonijah Morrice ingaged his i2 score Acres of Land, that is in providence to maintaine the shuite depending

Adonijah Morrice, his Arbitratorrs. Gregory Dexter, and Hugh Bewitte

Whereas Ed: Manton, not appearing, the Court by vertue of Towne Order, did choose for him, his Arbitratorrs. Jŏ Throckmorton & Math: Waller

Motion was made by the plaintiue, that Jŏ: Hazell & Jŏ: Smith might be his pleadrs. Granted

The plaintiues declaration filed, with the Relation of Mr Jŏ. Browne, and the Coppy of Sea-Councke Order/

The Testamonye of Wm. Harris:

That the said Wm Harris made the Covenante, betweene Robert Morrice deceased & the defendant, and that vnto his vnderstanding the said Robert Morrice, knewe how the nature & Condition of the said defendants house, lands, rights &c lay, and vpon those tearmes & Conditions bought the said purchase, grounded vpon Plymouths Order, /

That the said Edward Manton defendant gaue vnto the said Robert Morrice possession of the said purchasse, that is to say, the defendant brought the said Robert Morrice in his presence vpon the ground where his house stood, & delivered him full possession thereof, after the manner as Mr Winslowe delivered possession

(*Verso*)

vnto the Jnhabitants of Sea Counke that is, a part for the whole, which was accepted of by Robert Morrice

The Arbitratorrs Verdicte

The defendant not guiltye

The plaintiues bill of Charge

Jntering the Action	0£	4s
Serving the Warrant	0	4s
filing declaration & Testimony	1	0
Serjants Adtendance	1	0
for Arbitratorrs	4	0
	6	8

William Harris Contra Rich: Chasmore for debte/

The plaintiues Arbitrators William ffeild & Hugh Bewitte

The defendant, not appearinge his Bayle Rich: Waterman and Tho: Clements appeared, & choosed for Arbitratorrs Jŏ: Throckmortŏ & Math: Waller

Tho: Harris Testifieth, that the defendant delivered vnto William Harris plantiue i4 heade of Cattle to be sommed

William ffeild testifieth, that so much pay as the | defendant | would giue, vnto the plaintiue the defendant tould him, was in William Carpenders hands

Tho: Clements testifieth that the defendant tould him that 22s was

(*Recto*)

ready for the plaintiue, and he wou[ ] giue him noe more

The Arbitrators [ ]warded j£ 7s 4d to the plaintiue, besids Charge

The defendants Bill of Charge

Jntering Action	0£	4s
Arrest	1	0
ffiling declaratõ & Testamony	1	0
Serjants Attendants	1	0
Serjants goeing to pautuxitt	1	0
Arbitrators	4	0
	8	4

(*Verso*)

Adonijah Morris Contra Edwàrd Manton William Harris Contra Richard Chasmore decemb 4th 1648

[017] The 4th of the 10th m. 1648.

We find the defendent Edward Manton not Guilty

witnesse our hands

Jo: Throckmortone:

mathew Waller

Gregory Dexter.

Hugh. Bewitt

[ ]

[018] The 4th of the 10th. m. 1648 (so called.)

Adonijah Morris Declareth against Edward Manton of Prouidence, that the said Edward Manton hath broken Couenant, wch Couenant was made by the said Edward Manton (unto Robert Morris deceased) the 25 of the 8th m. 1643 (so called.) Also he declareth tha[ ] the said Edward Manton hath defrauded him, whereby the said Adonijah Morris is damnified to the valew of about fifty pounds

Adonijah Morriss

[019] I Nathaneell Dickens doe declare agaynst Robert Williams for beinge drunke that day the pinis of Mr Throcmorton was taken in possession by Bene-

dicke Arnold this last sumer which eueninge he put the towne to 12s charge in settinge of a needlesse wach; Jtem at another time for challenginge a man th° field in his owne house;

The 29 of December
anno i648 By mee Nathaneell Dickens

[020] Prouidence 12th 1648.

The threescore acre Lots, and the two last shares of Meedow belonging to Ezekiel Holiman and Stukly Westcot is layd out against Pawtucket falls, & bounded as followeth, the South = east corner is bounded with a gully and a white Oake tree The North = east corner with a great Pine tree standing about forty pole aboue the Corner. The Norwest corner bounded exectly with a great Pine tree standing by a Path, The Southwest Corner bounded also exactly with a great black Oake tree, standing by a little Pond. The east part 164 pole. the | west | 94 pole. The north side 160 pole, also the south 160. the two shares of medow being within the South line.

further layd out t James Eshton. 60. acers and one share of midow next william Haris his. 60. aceres north haveing a litel of Eddy pond in it

(Verso)

Layd out to John Greene junier 25 aceres on the head of Long Coue and twentie aceres to Thomas Clemant and 68 aceres to mr Roger Williames sau eing hiewayes being all the spare land below masipaug path and to adam goodinges 60 aceres

[021] Mr Dexter doth affirme yt Mr Scott beinge also present hee saw Mr Robert Williams reele to and fro like a drunken man & Daniell Comstocke went to helpe him that day the pinis was taken posession of;

John Olderkin affirmes yt there was a writinge yt was in Robert Williams his hands yt hee had the keepinge of, & was some way defeated of it which sett him in a rage, & then he would come at force and so John Oldekin came with him; and would haue had him goe home or to his brothers; and he would not but would goe abord agayne; and as he was goinge he tumbled ouerboard & could hardly bee recouered & so John Olderkin went his wayy & sent Daniell Comstocke to looke to him

(Verso)

Addam Goodin sold unto Richard Osbon all his right in Prouidence both housinge and all other priuiledges onely the sayd Richard Osbon hath granted Addam Goodw[ ] the house & yard duringe his wiues life onely the sayd Addam Goodwin is to repaire it.

[022] Prouidence 7th. of 1st moneth 1649. /

The declaration of Will. Field pt against Will Arnold def: wherin the pt complaineth in an action of | trespase vpon | the case for that the said defendant | with 3 more | about the moneth of July last past, did come vpon the possesion of the said pt. / on the southerly side the falls called pautuxit. and then, and there, did forbid the Seruantes of the said pt From working any more in that place vsing threatning Speeches vnto them in case the pt Seruants would not Forbare, which caused the said Seruantes to Leaue there imploymentes for which the Said pt Judgeth himSelfe damnified 5£. / and there vpon he bringes his Suite by me William feild

[023] For his Worthy friends ye Deputies of ye Towne of Prou[ ]ence

These are in ye name of King & Parliamt of England to require you to gi[ ] to ye Jnhabitants of yor Towne att Convenient & speedie notice of the Gen[ ]rall Court of Electi[ ]n to be houlden at the Towne of Warwick [ ] the third of ye weeke (or Tuesday) Come fortni[ ]t from the date hereof, ye said Tuesday being [ ]lso ye next Tuesday after ye 15 of this present May, according to order: That ye said Jnhabitant[ ] may either personally attend at ye said Court, or if necessarily detained may send their Votes sealed vp according to Order you are allso to require them to choose & send three able & sufficient Men, to serue in ye Jnquest or Court of Triall then & there allso to be held for the triall of [ ]auses depending hereof you are not to faile

Prouidence 4th. 3. 49 Roger Williams

so called / Deb: Pres:

(*Verso*)

For his worthy friends the Deputies of ye Towne of Prouidence /

The Declaration or Jndictment against Wesuontup an Jndian of Massapaug: viz

That the said Wesuontup did the 18 of this moneth at midnight or thereabout felloniously break into the hous[ ] of Widdow Sayers & took out thence seuerall goods &c.

1st

moreouer; that the said Wesuontup did ffelloniously meke an escape from his keeper when he was a lawfull prisoner | Conuictted | Cōmitted by this Towne &c

That Nanhegen did ffelloniously break into said widdow Sayers house the 18 of this moneth at night

Power
Bewit
Angell
Ashton

Providence 11. 2 [illegible]

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Friends & Neighbours [illegible]

I pray yt [illegible] to trouble you with yt troublesome [illegible] of John Clawson his Goods & yt [illegible] of yr owne [illegible] to [illegible] side of it

The Last tyme you were [illegible] about [illegible] Satisf[illegible] yt John Clawson in his So[illegible] mention of his [illegible] his [illegible] he meant me [illegible] & no other [illegible]

There are [illegible] also [illegible] of [illegible]

First yt [illegible] his [illegible] having no Knive [illegible] bequeathed & left his Goods to me [illegible] meaning in yt morning [illegible] thought yt [illegible] might [illegible] being to his mind [illegible] him in his naked & starving Condition [illegible] yt [illegible] was not [illegible]

1. Masters it in my howse [illegible] yeare [illegible] my giving him my Dutch Testament & spending much time to teach him [illegible] This God knowes [illegible] to be his meaning upon serious consideration. In yt afternoone [illegible] Elizabeth Hearnden upon his [illegible] asked him whether he meant yt his Master should have his Goods [illegible] words sound & others [illegible] Eares told me from her owne Relation yt she thus understood him as [illegible]

Howeuer [illegible] meaning to wit yt it was John Clawsons [illegible] yt I should take his Goods into my trust [illegible] in that case he [illegible] yt were his meaning [illegible] looke to & take his goods & order them to his [illegible] in this [illegible] I have not heard of his [illegible] otherwayes since [illegible]

3 [illegible] meaning [illegible] for these Reasons [illegible]

[illegible]

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The house & house Lot with | that | percell of Land beyond the rūnet | wch beloneg to Rober[ ] | wth all the Cōmon

[024] Prouidence The 23^{d} of the 4th m. 1649 (called.)

The Declaration or Jndictment against Wesuontup an Jndian of Masshepaug Viz.

That the said Wesuontup did (moneths since, or thereabout,) ffelloniously make an escape from the hands of his Keepers, being Comitted & Conuicted by this Towne. this a for bill

he saith, he did run away.

A Declaration or Jndictment against Wesuontup an Jndian of Masshepaug. Viz.

That the said Wesuontup did the 18th of this moneth (about midnight,) felloniously break into the house of Widdow Sayers, and took out thence seuerall goods &c.

not guilty he saith this a for bill

The 23^{d} of the 4th. m. 1649. (so called.)

A Declaration against Nanhegin an Jndian of Pautuxit, Viz.

That the said Nanhegin did the 18 of this moneth about midnight break into the house of Widdow Sayers, and took out thence seuerall parcells of goods &c

not guilty this afore bill

[025] 8 mo 13: 49

the afedafed of RiChard osborn of prouiden[ ] taken before mee thomas Harris Town De

he saith he John tilar was on prudenc from monday nit tel Sattar Day mornin and tathat tim he gaf to the hegars Cheldewen appels Seferall tims and a Sattar-Day I had o Cation to heyar hem to go ouer to Worweck and then I se by estemation abut halfe a buChell of appels in the Canno

[026] Providence 19th of June 1649

The Examination of Wesuontupe an Jndian of Massapáuouge brough[ ] before vs Tho: Harris & Robert Williams, Mr Tho: Olnye, Jō Greene & Christopher Hawkshurst Jnterpret^{rs}.

The said Wesuontupe sayth, That he came from massapaúouge with an other Jndian called Nanheggen yesternight into this Towne, and that he came to worke with Mr Scotte; That he with the said Nanheggen lay that night on the other side the River, where was allsoe other Jndians wch they saw, but the said Jndians did not see them, That the said Nanheggen tooke a Lader from Nic: powers house, to goe in, at a hole of Widdowe Sayers house, That the said Nanheggen went in at the

hole, and did put out of the said house, at the said hole, a Coate of skine, and 3 loues of Bread That the said Nanheggen opened the doore of the said house, for the said Wesuoñtupe, and sent him in, to fetch fire, to take a pipe of Tobacco wherby he was taken, And that noe other Jndians was there, or Consenting vnto the said facte, freeing (by name) an Jndian called Paũgaucũttucoe

The Examination of Paugaucúttucoe an Jndian of Massapáuouge, who at first said, he had noe name, who came to this Towne the last night alone, for Wesuontupe, to helpe him to lance a Cannow, but could not find him/

The Examination of Ch: Hawkhurst & Jõ. Sweete who sayth that the said Paugaucúttucoe came the last night vnto Mr Roger Williams house to in[ ]uire for the said Wesouñtupe, but he was not there

(*Verso*)

Nanheggen Being brought before vs, vpon or foresaid hue & Cry the same day, we Examine, viz: Christopher Hawkhursts Jnterpre^r

The Examination of Nanheggen, That he came yesterday aboute the Sun two houres past mid day, vnto William Carpenders house at Pautuxite, and frõ thence he went vnto Paswónquitte with Saconocitts sonne and there he say all night, That he did not see Wesuontupe as he thincks these 20 days but thereabouts being at worke at Mr Coles he mette with Wesuontupe & offered him wompum to worke, but Mrs Cole would not haue him to work there, because he had the name of a theife, and so he went away and did not see him since; That the said Nanheggen was not at Providence within 9 or i0 days but thereabouts he was at worke at Pantuxitte with Dixings and then came to Towne, & meeting with some Jndians, that to[ ] if he stayed in Towne John Downinge would haue him, wherevpon he went that nighte to lye at Mr Coles house heere in Towne, but coming the[ ] Hugh Bewitt prevented him, and then he went vnto Pautuxitt where he hath been there vp and downe ever since; That 3 Jndians that came with him can wittnes where he lay the last night, And for the Robery he neither knewe nor heard of it

The examination of Shalasqueticke an Jndian of Pautuxitt Cossen vnto the said Nanheggen That he came to Towne being wished by Muxell to heare what the Englishe said vnto Nanheggen, and what he said vnto the Englishe, allsoe to see what the Englishe did with Wesuontup That Nanheggen went yesterday vnto Pautuxitt aboute noone vnto Jõ: Beirstowe to knowe why he did sett his fence vpon his ground, and [ ] their wegwam before night and there [ ] wood and [ ]

(*Recto*)

The Examination of Wesuoñtup & Nanheggen face to face/ That the said

Wesuontupe resolutly charged vnto the face of Nanhegge[ ] all the ꝑticulars of his forsaid Charge

That the said Nanheggen (Laufeingly) relpyed O Base, with nothing elce matteriall to cleare the Charge

Vpon the | foresaide | Charge of Wesuontupe, & allsoe the Examinants We haue Committed the Boddy of Nanheggen vnto the safe Costodie of o^r^ Towne Seargant Hugh Bewitt vntill further Order

Robert Williams } Depu^ties^
Thomas Harris }

Memorand you are to Jndicte the aforesaid Wesuontûpe vpon former Escape

To Mr Grigorye Dexter, Clarke of the peace, for the [ ]e of Providence/

[027] Providence ii^th^ June 1649/

Wheras o^r^ Towne hath Ordered to meet vpon Monday next, you are to warne (in speciall) vpon service for the Tryall of these Jndians Committed whereof you are noto fayle

Nicholas Power	Grand Jnquest
Mathew Waller	Will Barrow
William Hawkings	Hugh: Bewitt
Nathaniell Dixking	Gregory Dexter
Tho: Clements	Mathew Waller
James Aston	William Hawkig[ ]
	Nicholas Powers

William ffeild
William Wickenden
Jõ: feild
Rich: Watermans
Thomas Angell
Tho: Hopking
} Apointed ꝑ Towne

Other Jnhabitants to attend service as you thincke fittinge

To o^r^ Lov: Sergant	Robert Williams
Hugh Bewitt	Thomas Harris

(*Verso*)

I came into Mr Coles house and hard something | in | the dwelling house, w^ch^ (dore of the house I made faste before) wch Nanheggen I beleaue broke into the said house, and came not in at the said dore in wch said house I found him

[028] Prouidenc the 11th 7 mo 49

The testimony of Peter Buscot taken before me Thomas Olney Assistant[ ]

Hee being Jngaaged saith that, that man who is como[ ] called the Coop and tinker cam vnto him in war[ ]k to learne som of his skill to Bore holes in a pot whic[ ] pot he saith that the Coop said he bought at Prouide[ ] and paid 5s for it, but vpon their discouere | he | being vnwilling to shew him | his | skill for nothing, the Tinker said that if he would shew him, he would giue him 20 Aples he asked him where he had those Aples being such faire fruite to the said Peter Buscots eye whervpon the Tink[ ] he said, told him, that he had them in Prouidenc of one that owed him money and morouer he saith he was in his conow with him and saw to the quantitye of 2 or 3 Bushell of Aples and a few Peaches morouer he saith that these Aples that he saw in the Conow of this Tinker was vpon this day: fortnight, and more then this he saith not./

(*Verso*)

[ ]hosen by Robert Williams [ ]o: Olny Tho Harris [ ] Wickenden
B Jo Tyler
Hugh Bewet
Arthur ffener
Tho Hopkins

[029] [ ] Warwicke this 1 of August 1649
[ ]be behalfe of your Towne, c[ ]ncerning the
[ ] Providence, wch I receav[ ] fro mr Weston
[ ]ire, I haue sent it vnto y[ ] I receaued
[ ] ifie vnto you, that I expect [ ]y Right of
[ ] wherof I was a purchaser, wth the rest
[ ] one at that Towne, wch haue ben detayned
[ ]y greate damage, I haue oft tymes spoke
[ ]e as to Thomas Harris, at my howse at Ocu
[ ] into England who first told me what th[ ] Towne
[ ]des, againe to Willia field, to my son [ ]e John
[ ]oing yt you, yet hitheto haue receaued noe
[ ] well knowne to many, if not to all of you,
[ ] these landes as any of you, I des[ ]e not
[ ] o uther that you would doe me Rig[ ]t eyther
[ ] tye, for I am assured that both will speake
[ ] therfore I shall prosper you 4 wayes in this
[ ] me, first, that you would doe me Right according
[ ]inge out my landes, both for convenie[ ]ce &
[ ]ad, or to giue me 30lb for my right [ ] Neu
[ ]f these take place wth you, I shall be w[ ]lling to

[ ] mutually chosen to end the difference wth
[ ] none of these shalbe accepted, then you will
[ ]ll Courte to determinate the matter as
[ ] so by my loinge & patient wayyhtinge and
[ ]g clearly proffers vnto you that I desire no
[ ]st & right in the sight of all men & that loue &
[ ]es betweene me & you fro tyme to tyme &
[ ] John Greene

(*Verso*)

[ ]o my lovinge friend m^{r} Robert Williams Deputy of the Towne of Providenc[ ] desiringe him to present writeinge to te Towne of Providence fro whom I shall expecte their anntsweere wth conveniency

[030]
William Arnall

You are hereby required in the name & powre of the state of Eng[ ] to make your personall apearance at the Generăll Court of E[ ] to bee held at Portsmouth the last Theusday of the next m[ ] ensuinge to answere then & there to such things as shalbee [ ] against you as you will answere the Contrary at your per[ ] providence the 29th of September &n°: 1649

Jn° Smyth presedent

To the Cunstable of providence
these delir^{r}.

Steven Arnall you are hereby required in the name & powre of the stat of England to make your personall apearance at the Generall Court of tryalls to bee held at Portsmouth the last Theusday of the next month ensuinge to answere then & there to such things as shalbee obiected against you as you will answere the Contrary at your perrill

providence the 29th of September 1649

To the Cunstable of providence Jn°: Smyth p^{r}sedent.
these deliuer

[031] A Copy of the Warrant for Hugh Bewit

You are hereby required, Jn the name & power of the State of England to attach the body of Heugh Bewit, & to bring him before me, to answer to such things as shalbe layd to his Charge as you will answer the Contrary at y^{r} ꝑill, warwicke the 23 of ffebruary anno 1649

To Richard Knight Gen. Serjeant Jo. Smith president
of Providence Plantations
these deliver

To Rich. Knight Gen. Serjeant, for the Colony of Providence Plantations, greeting.

These are in the name of the hono^{red} State of England, to require & charge you to arrest the body of Nicholos Power Constable of Providence, & take sufficiant Bale for his ꝑsonall appearance at the next Colony Court of tryall to be held for this Colony at Newport in may next to answer for his contempt of the Presidants Warrant thereof | fayle | you not, at y^{r} ꝑill,

Given at the Office this 17th of November 1649

ꝑ me Philip Shearman

Gene: Recorder

(*Recto*)

Providence the 25. of the 12th. 1649. (called)

fforasmuch as there is brought into this Town by the Gen. Serjeant, Certain Warrants as the termes them, directed for Hugh Bewit & Nicholas Powers, | & some | other of like nature. The Town being orderly called & met thereupon We find by the letter of the Lawes Gen: unto wch we are ingaged, that they are not legally stated. We therfore the Deputies of the Town aforesaid, & on the foresaid Townes behalfe We forbid the said Rich Knight Gen Serjeant to execute the said Warrants, according to the contents therof, as he will answere it; yet we not denying any execution of any Legall Gen: Warrant, that shall in Order, according to the letter of o^{r} Gen. Lawes, be brought into this Town to be executed

[032] S^{rs}. /

Receiueing a warrant from the p^{r}sident about the Gennerall Court, I thought good to giue you notis therof you being the oficers for the callig of the Towne together, I haue sent the warrant inclosed that you may see substance therof: I think the 27 of this moneth is the Towne Court, yor wisdoms will direct you to order for the best. so fare you well

2 moneth. 22 day

1640: /

Yo^{r} Neighbour

Tho: Olney

Providence the 6^{t} of the 3^{d} m. 1650 (called.) Hugh Bewet affirmeth being engaged, That he warned W. Arnold Legally, according to his understanding, to appeare at this Court to answer the Action of the Case

Zachery Rhodes is accepted as an Attorney for W. Arnold

Upon the Recognizance of 40 the Defend may have a de[ ]

(*Verso*)

To his Lo: Neighbors m^{r} Robert williams and m^{r} Thomas Harris Deputies

[033] To the Townes of providence and Warwick: Acordinge to ye motion it is ordered in Newport and portsmouth that the Comitees meet the 29 of this present moneth: / and it is desiered to bee at portsmouth

Julie the 23. 50 Nich. Eastone presed^t

(*Verso*)

W F. R: W. R: Wat. A F T: H/ T: O. W: H. W: W. T: R

[034] To the Court first held the 2d, day of the 2d. moneth 1650, at Providence to the Assistants there and the rest Whome this may concerne

Gen^t mĕ, Neighbors and ffriends, Whereas William ffeild haue Cominced a suit against me Williă Arnold for Trespasing vpon certaine land wch he laieth Claime vnto on the south side of the falls at Pautuxit; these are in truth to certifie you that I doe not know of any land at all neere the place that is menconed in his Declaratiŏ that he can Rightly lay Claime vnto, but the last Som^r as I and my sonne Steuen Arnold went through Richard Chasmores Corne ffield at the said Richards request he being wth vs to veiwe the hurt that swine had done in his Corne, we then saw two men in the said Richards land beareing away haye then Richard Chasmore desired me and my sonne Steuen to goe as witnesses along wth him to see who they were that dide carrie away his hay and we went to them onely vpon the said Richards owne land and no other and when we saw who the men were and they told the said Richard for whome they wrought and Richard had forbid them to medle wth his hay I p^rsently went away quietly I am sure the men themselues will not say if they will speake butt ye truth that I gaue them any ile language at all howsoeuer o^r adu^rsary doe accuse me for giueing of threatning speaches, belike it is because he himselfe is so much accustomed to domineer and threaten men he would haue others like himselfe: but I leaue him to his owne master whome he Rueth. I hope passiality will not sway justice wth you to maintaine malice or enuy; but we were but Witnesses the case is Richard Chasmores and he is to be the defendat, as for the Jndian that was there he was not requested to goe wth vs nor can he tell what was said on either side; but he being there in his Corne ffield fast by saw vs came p^rsently after vs as you all know the mannr of the Jndians is to doe but I saw no hurt at all that he dide but while the men stood still to Reason the case he sat downe vpon a racke of hay and offered no man violence at all but p^rsently went away in peace after me, & thuse leaueing | you | seriously to consider the truth of ye case in hand I Rest yor louing Neighbour

William Arnold at Pautuxit

[035] Providence the 4th of the 3^d. moenth, (1650.)

The answer to the declaration of William feilde Plantiue, in the action of case now depending, against William Arnold defendant;

Wherein aboute the towne evidence, the saide plantiue in commencing the sute in his owne perticuler name sheweth himselfe to bee more willfully faltie, then hee can proue the defendant to bee, in the Accident or miscariing, of the writing, which hee himselfe calles the towne, evidence; yet without haueing order or authoritie from the towne specified or expressed in his decleration, hee himselfe as haueing, sole power, calles mee to account by order of Lawe, vnder greate dammage; that can giue noe full discharge aboute it; ffor | it may be expected | I shall bee responceable to the towne of Providence | still | or whome they orderly depute, in that perticuler aboute the Writing that | he | calls the towne evidence; And not to any private person withoute commission from the towne; ffurther the said defendant is informed that the towne or some neightbores of the towne haue severall coppies of the towne evidence compleate and vnder the defendants William Arnold his owne hande; Which will not bee denied by the defendant nor any one his behalfe when they bee leagally or fairly | shewed | to him, or other wayes orderly p^r^esented to publicke veiw,

Yet notwithstanding that claime that the defendant doth laye to any Lande in or aboute Pawtuxitt, which the plantiue William ffeilde objecteth against shall appere to bee by other evidence and graunt made by Soconanoco the cheife Shachem of Pawtuxitt, whose name was never knowne to bee in that | writing | which William ffeild calles the towne evidence, in his declaration

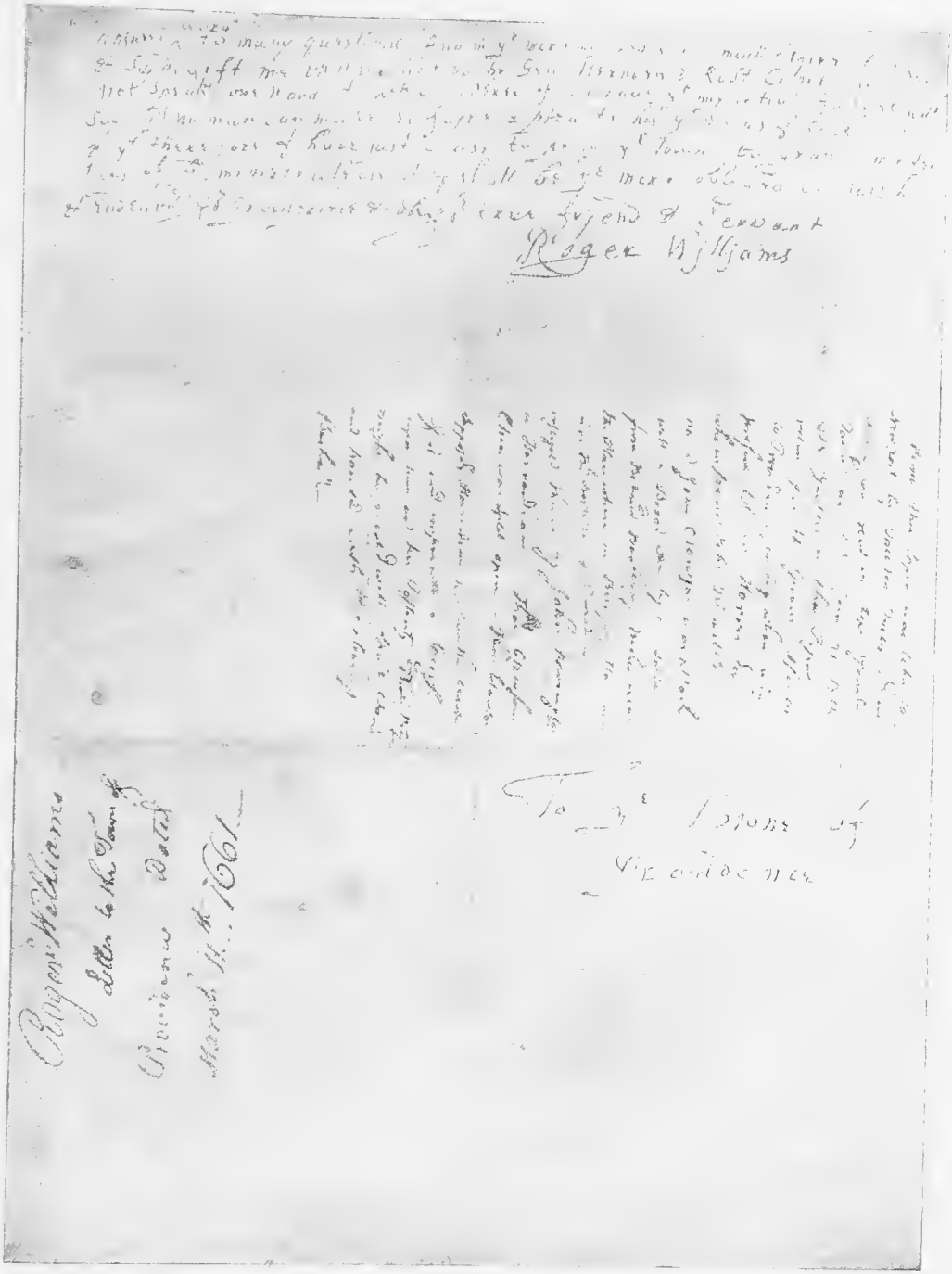
(*Recto*)

Neither doth nor will, the saide defendant, denie the pla[ ] ffrom medelling with any Lande in or aboute Pawt[ ] his vse, that the sayd plantiue shall proue a L[ ] and ticle to.

℘ Hugh Bewitt
Aturnie in the case

[036] S^r^

my kind respects remembered I shall desire you to giue notis to the free men of yor towne that there is a generall assemblye to bee held at Nuport the first Thursday after the 14th day May next ensuinge for the election of the Generall officers of the Colloney for Choyce whereof they are to giue in theire foutes & such as com not to [ ] them accordinge to Law provided in that Case Likewise for the transeackinge of the affayres hereof: Allsoe that there is a generall Court of tryalls to bee held the next day after the desolueinge or prorogueinge thereof for wch your towne are to Choose three of your ablest men to atten the Court for the tryall of Causes betwixt state & subieck as Likewise betwixt party &



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To the Town of
Providence

Roger Williams

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party acedinge to Law provided & to returne theire names to the Generall Sargant ten dayes before the court accordinge to Lawe soe for p^r^esent I rest

Yo^u^rs Jno Smyth p^r^sedent

Warwicke the 20th of the 2 Month Comonly Called Aprill 1650

(*Verso*)

To his much ho^r^ed freind m^r^ Thomas Oney at Providence these p^r^sent

[037] Heere followeth a true Coppye of an agreement made betweene severall Jnhabitants of the Towne of Providence

The eight of the eight moneth in the yeare 1638

Jt is agreed this day abouesaid that all the Meddow ground at Patuxett, bounding vpon the fresh River on both sides is to be impropriated vnto those 13 persons being now Jncorporated together in our Towne of providence viz Ezekiell Holliman, Frances Weston, Richard Waterman, Thomas Olney, Robert Coles, William Carpenter, William Harris John Throckmorton, Roger Williams, John Greene, Thomas James, William Arnold, Stuckley Westcott; and to be equally divided among them, and every man to pay an equall proportion to raise vp the sume of 20^£^ for the same and if it shall come to passe that some or any one of these thirteene persons abouesaid, doe not pay or give sattisfaction of his or their equall proportions of the aforesaid sume of Twentey poundes by this day eight weekes which will be the seventh day of the 10th moneth next ensueing that they or he shall Leave theire or his proportion of meddow ground vnto the rest of those 13 persons to be at their disposeing who shall make vp the whole sume of Twentye poundes which is to be paide vnto Roger Williams

Coppied ℘ me Tho: Olney Junr: Towne Clarke

Coppied ℘ me John Sandford Gen^rll^ Recorder

A True Coppie ℘ mee Joseph Torrey gen Record^r^

Memorandum on the 3^d^ of the 10th m: 1638 (called) according to former agreement I received of the neighbo^r^s abovesaid the full sume of 18^£^: 11^s^: 3^d^.

℘ me Rogerum Williams

Provydence 24th of the 5th m: 1650 (so called)

This a true Coppie Gregory Dexter Towne clerke

A True Coppie ℘ mee Joseph Torrey gen Recorder

(*Verso*)

Roger williams his owne acts as to gra|nt| & satisfactione to hem for patuxcet by ye 13 purchasers; ye 8th of ye 8th month 1638 vnder ye towne clear to hand & ye recorders allsoe only concerns patuxcet And ye receipt of ye mony payde vnder publique test

[**038**] Nathaniell Dic[ ]: / Whereas some of you^{r} neighbo^{r}s w^{m} ffeild & w^{m} Harris lately sent letters | to be comunicated | to our generall Courte therein Jntimating their knowledge of w^{m} Arnold and w^{m} Carpenters petitioning to the sāme, against you, & them, for sēuerall Jnjuryes donne by you, to them; offering themselves readily to Appeare in any Courte of Justice, to vindicate their, and you^{r} Jnnocencyes. and the sayd Arnold and Carpenters abuse of you, and them, thereby. this Courte therefore hath Required me. to signify so much to you; that as they have Jntimated to w^{m} ffeild, and w^{m} Harris, so heereby they doe Jntimate to you, that if you shall wth them appeare at the next County Courte to be held at Boston on the last day of July next, to Justify you^{r} owne Jnnocency and their abuse, yo^{u} shallbe heard. and shall expect equall Justice wth any of our Jnhabitants amongst vs, as well as they, but if you shall neglect to Appeare wth them at the sayd Cou^{r}te, This Courte will thinke of some meete way to right such as shall appeare to be wronged by you & so I Remayne: /

Boston. 20 June 1650: / You^{r} loving ffreind

Edward Rawson; Secret. /

(*Verso*)

To his Loving freind Nathaniell Dickins at Providence these

Ordered t[ ] be lawfull for any man (besides the pounder ap[ ]d if he find Cattle in his own Corne) to bring them to the Pound & put them therein, | & | if the owner of the said Cattle do not fetch them forth Legally within 48 houres to wit by way of Replivy, or by giving satisfaction, that then it shall be lawfull for the Deputies of the Towne to Choose 2 men to valew the said Cattle, & them into the hands

[039] Providence 2nd Septr. 1650 / A Towne Rate

Arthur ffennor	01£	13s	4d
William Wickenden	00.	10.	0.
Thomas Sucklinge	00.	05 –	0 :
Thomas Roberts	00 –	13.	4
William Hawkings	00 –	13.	4
James Austine	00 –	10.	0.
Joshuá Winsor	00 –	03.	4.
Robert West	00 –	13.	4.
Thomas Hopkings	00 –	13.	4.
Widdow Sǎyers	00 –	16 –	8.
Nicholas Powers	01.	00.	0.
Nathaniell Dixings	00 –	13.	4.
Widdow Man	00 –	06 –	8.
William Barrowes	00 –	13 –	4.
Adam Goodings	00 –	03.	4.
Thomas Harris	01 –	00 –	0.
George Sheppard	00 –	10 –	0.
John ffĕild	01 –	00.	0.
William ffeild	03.	06.	8.
George Ricketts	00.	05.	0.
Widdow Browne	00 –	06.	8.
Robert Williams	01.	00.	0.
Stew: Westcote	00 –	13.	4:
Hugh Bewitt	00 –	06.	8.
Richard Waterman	02 –	10.	0.
Tho: Angell	01 –	00.	0.
Tho: Olnye	01 –	13.	4.
Edward Manton	01 –	00.	0 –
Peter Greene	00 –	01 –	8.

Henry Right	01£ –	00s –	0d –
Roger Williams	01 –	13.	4:
Richard Scotte	03 –	06 –	8 –
John Throckmorton	01 –	13.	4
John Elderkine	00 –	03.	4
Benedicke Arnold	05 –	00.	0:
Pardon Tillinghurst	00 –	03.	4.
Grigory Dexter	01 –	00.	0.
John Browne	00 –	03.	4.
Ch Smith	00 –	03.	4.
William ffénner	00 –	06 –	8
Widdow Smith	02 –	10.	0.
John Jones	00 –	03.	4.
		8 –	4
Tho: Clements	00£.	06s.	8d:
Tho: Slowe	00 –	13.	4.
William Harris	01 –	06 –	8.
William Arnold	03 –	06 –	8 –
Robert Coles	03.	06 –	8 –
William Carpender	03 –	06 –	8 –
Stephen Arnold	01 –	00 –	0 –
Zachery Rodes	01 –	00 –	0 –
Ch: Hawkhurst	00 –	10 –	0 –
	14 –	16.	8
	41 –	08 –	4
	56.	05.	0.

(*Verso*)

	16 –	12 –	10 –
		14 –	4
Bro:	17 –	7 –	2 –
Com:	18 –	15 –	0 –
	36	02 –	2
W feild	01 –	04 –	0 –
Robt Wms	0 –	03 –	6 –
Recordrs	– 0 –	07 –	6 –
Bridge	– 0 –	11 –	0 –
Mr Dextr	– 0 –	2 –	6 –
Hugh Journes	1 –	10 –	0 –
his rent	– 1 –	06 –	8 –
	41 –	07 –	4 –

Greene Se

[040] Ans to the 1st proposition we | shall for peace sake agree | that the next Court of Election shall be held at newport, provided that the former course agreed on | by the Colony | be attended unto viz. that each Town have his course | & so | at Warwicke, | to meet | next &c.

2 Answ We agree unto, provided that if any Town present 2 for Assistants, that one of them shall be Chosen by the Assembly for that Town

| To the 3d we Answer | , that all | Orders | that have bin made by the Townes | of this Colony Joyntly by authority of the Charter | by pro. & war. (apart from the Jsland) by the authority aforesaid & are not repealed by a Court of Comissioners | and | in force untill repealed by | a Gen. Assembly of | Comissioners as aforesaid

John Greene

To the 4th we answer, That all causes that are by the Law referred to the Gen. Court of tryall may have their Legall progresse at the next Gen. Court, before such Officers as shall be deputed at the time appointed by the former Lawes

| To the 5th we answer | That a Comittee of 6. men in each Town be chosen to | Act in all generall matters | yt respect the Collonie | except Election | accordinge to the Generall law made at | Newport in May 50 | alwayes reseruing the peoples libertie accordinge to lawe: see the lawe made at Porchmouth the 26th of October 1650 :

(*Verso*)

To William lytherland Towne Clarke: for the Towne of Newport these

By the Commissioners of Providence & Warwick assembled at Patuxet the 25 of May 1653 John Greene Generall Recorder

[041] Acts & Orders made at the sessions of Genr Assembly at Portsmouth the 26 of octob Ano i 650 by the representatiue for yrs Seruice Elected. /

Wheras by the powre of the Last Genr Assemb: for Elecoñ held att Nupor in May last wherby Authority an act was then established that the representatine Comitte shuld haue the full powre & Authority of the Genr Assembly here who then being Carefully mett & orderly managed did toward the Latter end of that Sessions enact & gaue order for a new Elecoñ of another repr̃sentatiue, to Assemble & sitt wth the Like Authority in octob: following the wch accordingly being now Assembled & orderly mannaged do by the Authority & powre of the sd ordinance in the name & powre of the freepeople of this State Enact these Lawes following.

Jt is ordered: That from Henceforth The Repr̃sentatiue Comitte being assembled & hauing enacted Law or Lawes The sd Lawes shall be Returned [ ] dayes after the breaking vp or adjournmt of that Assembly, and then wthin 2 dayes after the cheif officer of the Towne shall call the Towne to the

hearing of ye Lawes so made & if any freeman shall mislike any Law then made they shall

Rea send their voats wth their names fixed therto vnto ye Gen^r^ Recorder w^th^in Ten days after the reading of those Lawes & no Longer And if it appeare That ye Major vote w^th^in the time p^r^fixed shall come | in | & declare it to be a nullity, Then shall the Recorder signifie it to the p^r^sid^t^, & the President shall forthw^th^ signifie to the Townes that such or such Laws is a Null, And the silence to the rest shall be taken for an approbacon & confirmacoñ of the Lawes made, and it is ordered further y^t^ the ii^th^ Law made at Portsm˘ May 20. 2i i647 is Repealed. / .

Representatiue Court

Ord That the Representatiue Comitte for the Colony shall alway Consist of six able & discreet men chosen out of each Towne for the Transacoñs of the Affaires of the Comonwealth, & being mett they shall haue powre to make & establish Rules and penalties for [ ]ing y^m^ selues during their Sessions. / .

(Banishment)

Ord: That no ꝑson w^th^in this Colonie shall at any time be banished therfrom, [ ] or Clause therof, formerly made notw^th^standing. / .

(Arrest of strangers)

Ord: That it shall be Lawfull for any stranger to Arrest any Person or persons in the towne when he can apprehend him, and that they shall be tryed in the Towne wher they are arrested (whether by a purchased Court or a Court of ye ordinary times) ꝑuided that the deffend^t^, haue Liberty of a supersedias wth benefitt if he like, then shall he putt in sĕcurity sufficient to defray all charges of ye Generall but if it be the plaintif & being not an Jnhabitant of the Colony, & desireth a writt of the Gen^r^ Court for any stranger y^t^ he arresteth, then shall the pl̃a putt in sufficient security to him of whom he hath the writt; to defray all charges of the Gen^r^ ꝑuided also that if the ꝑties pl̃a & deff^t^ shall desire a purchased Court in the Towne then he or they shall lay downe so much mony as will defray the charges therof & so shall haue a Legall Tryall; ꝑuided also y^t^ when judgment and execucoñ is serued his Body (wher goods is n^t^ to be Leuied for satisfaction) being taken & imp^r^soned, & the Recouerer shall desire to haue it so, then shall ye same order be taken wth him as is wth the poor debtor, ꝑuided y^t^ the officer y^t^ ye officer [ ] security for the ꝑmises, it shall be sufficient or else he shall | be called to | pay itt himselfe, and [ ] officer shall haue powre to subpena in the case, And also that ye Gen^r^ sarjant [ ] haue powre to leuie the execucoñ in the cause so Jssued

(non suitt)

Ord: That from henceforth if any pl̃a lett fall his sute after an Arrest yett not

compleatly issued by Law, it being proued to ye Court when it is sett, that the said Court then shall signe the bill of costs w^th^out further trouble if not p^d^ Execucoñ shall be granted for Recouery of the s^d^ Costs so proued

ord

(*Verso*)

Deuorce

Ord: That no bill of deuorce shall stand legall in this Colony but that wch is sued for by the ꝑtie greiued, & not to bee by Law Conferrd for any other cause but that of adultrie, & that to be prou'd by the ꝑtie greeued, eyther the man agst the woman, or the woman agst the man, And that neyther ꝑtie shall ꝑcure deuorce by accusing themselues of the same fact, that if the Countrary ꝑtie be greeued & sue to the Gen^r^ Assembly for diuorce then it being so granted each ꝑtie shall be free each from other as they were befor they came together. / .

(Voate)

Ord That no act shall be of force in this p^r^st Assemb: nor any other of this kind except ther be i3 agreeing in the voate

Ord That a letter be sent to Mr Williams to Capitulate about his going to Eng: & it is ordered also That ye state is willing to pay the hundred pounds that is [ ] dew to him & a hundred pound more, & if he refuse Mr Haulston M^r^ Jo Clark & Mr Warner is nominated for two of them to go. / .

(Execution)

Ord That when goods or Cattle, taken vpon execucon, they shall be prized by two indifferent men (if they can^t^ agree, they chuse a third) as the Sarjant shall require vpon forfeiture of 9^s^ a peece to the state Treasury if they refuse, And to be allowed i2^d^ a peece for their paines, if they prize to hie, the goods or Cattle shall be turned vpon the prizers hands, if to Low, the ꝑtie cast shall haue Liberty of 6 dayes to redeem them (paying ye Charges) And ye Serjant shall returne the writt the first day of the next Court ensuing & goods or cattle so taken shall be dd to him or his Atturny, The forfeiture shall be Leuied by a distring as from ye Gen^r^ officer of y^t^ Towne. / .

Ord That if any ꝑson shall misbehaue themselues eyther rudely or Contemptsously in a Court of Justice, The judges of the Court shall Committ him to ye stocks or pay 5^d^ the Jury p^r^sent first finding him guilty. / .

Ord That Ralph Earle making to appeare w^tt^ is dew to him for the Comitte when the Charter Came first & demanding of the Towne what is their ꝑporcoñ if the towne pay him not w^th^in six weeks after intelligence he shall haue his acoñ agst that Towne

Ord That all Laws concerning Testemonyes shall be of force, And it is further

Agreed that all witnesses y^{t} may be Conueniently had shall appeare, vive voce, that is, by finly vive at the Courts, & if he appeare in ℘son the affedauitt shall be nothing, iff formerly ther be on taken, And further it is ord ; That if ther be any that can giue any substantiall wittness or Testemonies And shall refuse to attend

y^{e} subpena so proud agst him he shall forfeitt 8$^{£}$; Further it is agreed that y^{e} Gen^{r} Recorder shall take in writting or Testemony giuen in Court & file them.

Ord That any Gen^{r} officer or the Record^{r} shall haue powre to grant forth writts of subpenas, by Authority wherof the ℘tie wittnessing shall come to y^{e} Magistrs or to y^{e} Court & giue in their Testemony, & y^{t} any man may serue a subpená
Ord[ ] a Copy to ye Cl: of ye Assemb:

Willm Dyre Cl: As:

[042] Gentlemen & Countriemen of ye towen of prudenc this is to Certifie you y^{t} I looke vpon my purchas of ye towen of prud[ ] to be my lawfull Rite & [ ] my trauells I haue enquired & doe find it is Recouerable acordinge to lawe for my Co[ ] away Cold not disinhirit me som of you Cannot but [ ] y^{t} we six which Cam first should haue ye first Conuenienc as it was put in practis first by our whom lots & 2^{li} by ye medowe in wenasketucket Riuer & then thos y^{t} wer admited by vs into the purchas to haue the next, which wer about [ ] but it is Conterarie to lawe Reson & equtie for to dispose of my p^{t} without my Consent therfor deall not wors with me then we delt with ye Jndians for we mad Concuenc of purchasinge of it of them & hasarded any law & therfor we nead not nor any on of vs ought to be deprived of ther purchase soe hoping you will take it into your serous Considration & to giue me Resonable satisfacon I Rest yours in the way of Rite & equitie Joshua Veren

from salem this 21 nouem^{br} 1650

Apri[ ]: 27th. 1651: Robert Williams Moderat^{r}

Jt is ordered that Mr Dexter writes vnto Joshua Veren in Answer to his Letter That if he comes vnto o^{r} Court, and proues his right, the Towne will doe him justice

Jt is Ordered that Benjamine Hernden shall haue the privilledges of 25, Acres, his home Lott next to the last feild side fence

A Copy of the Letter sent to Josuah Verin. /

S^{r}. The Towne of Providence having receiv[ ] read & considered y^{rs} dated the 21th of Novemb[ ] 1650. have Ordered me thus to signifie unto y^{u}, That if y^{u} shall come unto o^{r} Court, & Prove y^{r} right, they will doe y^{u} Justice

℘ me Gre. Dexter Towne Clerk

(*Verso*)

This be deliuered to the deputies of the towen of prudenc to be presented to ye wholl towen

A Copy of a Letter sent to Mr Hewes

Sr The Towne of Providence have ordered me thus to write unto y^u, That if y^u send to them a Certificate from y^r Court of Massachusets who are proved Crediters of Edward Cope deceased, that they will to such dd in the 15 pounds belonging to the deceased, upon a discharge under the hands of the said Creditors thus, We A B have received for the use of Edward Copes Creditors

Memorand that the 15 pounds abovesaid, is 15 pounds in Wampu at 6 ℘ peny. ℘ me G D Town = Clerke

[043] Nar: 22. 11. 50 (so Calld)

Well beloved friends: Lo: respects to each of you presented with heartie desires of yor present & eternall peace. I am sorrie y^t I am occasioned to trouble you in y^e midst of many Yo^r other Troubles: Yet vpon y^e Experience of yor wonted Lo: Kindnes & Gentlenes toward All men & my selfe allso I pray you heare me patiently / I had purposed to haue ℘sonally attented this Court & to haue presented (my selfe) these few Requests following, but being much Lamed & broken with such Travells I am forced to present you in writing | these | 5 Requests

The first 4 concerne others, Living & dead amongst vs The 5th concernes my selfe. / First then I pray be pleased to review ye propositions betweene vs & o^r dead friend John Smith, & since it hath pleased ye God of all mercies to vouchsafe this Towne & other^s such a mercie by his meanes: I beseech you studie how to put an End to y^t Controuersie depending betweene | vs & | him (as I may so speake) & his: Tis true, you haue referd y^t Busines to some of o^r Lo: Neighbo^rs amongst you: But since there are some Obstruction^s I beseech you put forth yor wisedomes who know more waies to ye wood then One: Ease ye first & appoint others or some other Course, y^t ye Dead clamour not from his Graue agst vs, but y^t ye Countrey about vs may say y^t Prouidence is not only a wise but a gratefull people to ye God of mercies & all his Jnstrum^ts of mercy toward vs. /

(*Verso*)

My Second Request concerns ye Dead still: I vnderstand y^t one of ye Orphanes of o^r dead friend Dan: Abbot, is likely (as she herselfe told me) to be disposed of in mariage Tis true she is now come to some yeares: But who knowes not, what neede the poore maid hath of yor fatherly Care, Councell & Direction: I would not disparage ye young man (for I heare he hath bene Laborious) yet with your leaue I must say I durst not, you will not giue yor daughters in mariage to such whose liues haue bene in such a course without some good Assurance & Certificate of | his | not being engaged to other women or otherwayes criminous, as

An humble Motion to ye Colony of Rhode Island
1669 by Roger Williams

Worthy friends & Neighbors & all Men are apt & ready to
differ & is no wonder Though all former Times & Ages
of the World in these parts & in ye Colonies & Nations
& now in ye State of England
That rather one side or Party is most right in his cause
his Cause Right in Carriage Right his Argument
his sufferings right is doubtfully & sorrowfully to be
feared & to be [illegible] & wherein ye Good people
taken & [illegible] Earth on Sparks of Action work &
Carriage is not to be wonderful & needful such a fire by
Barrers of Families Towns Citys Armies Kingdoms
& Kingdoms. And Since (Dear friends) it is an Honour
for Men to Crush from strife Since a life of Love &
Peace & Union is as strong as Swords) And Since you
have Gratiously Vouchsafed to call me to some Publick
Service of my Soule hath long been mulling how I
might [illegible] to Spend my Life or Spirits
[illegible] of one of ye poorest Knacks told to Research you
Beauty this Sweet Work of Earth & Heaven yet upon
Cause of more than Spirit with Bring to Your & Your
Publick Strength & Learnings Either amongst
Scholars in Studies or in Crowds for Advance in this
Sweet Commerce of Peace & Health & Righteousness
& Day & Mercy. The most Research but to be Pa
ing & Peaceable Willing to be Reconciled
Willing & Desirous to listen to all Reason but
Reason & Reason Jealousy
Truth cut Path as by Dividers — Warring is some times
Necessary & Argument & Argument & Sword is Reason
& Reason. Towards ye State & Government is most

allso of his Resolution to forsake his former course, least (this Jnquirie being neglected) The Maid & o^{r}selues repent when Miserie hath befallen her, & a iust Reprove & charges befall o^{r}selues: of wch we haue no neede, For (3^{rdly}) I craue yor Consideration of y^{t} Lamentable obiect, (what shall I say of all o^{r} censure or pitie I am sure) of all our Wonder & Astonishm^{t} m^{rs} Weston: my experience of ye distempers of persons elswhere makes me confident, y^{t} (although not in all things yet) in a great measure she is a distracted woman My request is y^{t} you would be pleased to take what is left of hers into yor owne hand, & appoint some to order it for her supply: & if it may be, let some publike Act of mercie to her Necessities stand vpon Record amongst ye mercifull Acts of a mercifull Towne, y^{t} hath receaved many mercies from Heauen, & remembers y^{t} We know not how soone o^{r} wiues may be widowes & o^{r} children Orphans, yea & o^{r}selues | be | depriued of all or most of o^{r} Reason, before we goe from hence, except mercy from ye God of mercies preuent it:

(*Recto*)

4^{thly} Let me craue yor patience while once more I lead yor Considerations to ye Graues, amongst ye Dead, ye widowes & ye Fatherles: From some Neighbours & ye widow Man herselfe I vnderstand y^{t} (notwithstanding her Motherly Affection wch will make all Burthens ye Lighter for her childrens good,) Yet, she is not without Feares, y^{t} if ye Towne be not fauourable to her in after times, some hard measure & pressures may befall her: my request is therefore y^{t} it would please you to appoint some of yo^{r}selues to review ye will, & to Consider whether ye paines of ye Father (deceased) or want of Time hath not occasioned him to leaue some of his purposes & Desires in ꝑfect, as allso to propose to ye Towne wherein, according to ye Rules of Justice & Mercy, what, the Deceased intended may be ꝑfected for ye greater Comfort both of his widow & Orphans.

5 My Last Request concernes my selfe: I cannot be so vnthanckfull to you, & so insensible of mine owne & Families Comfort, as not to take notice of Yo^{r} Continued & Constant Loue & care in yor many publike & sollemne Orders for ye paym^{t} of y^{t} money due vnto me about ye Charter: Tis true I haue neuer demaunded it: yea I haue bene truely desirous y^{t} it might haue bene laid out for some further publike Benefit in each Towne: But observing Yo^{r} Loving Resolucion to ye Contrarie, I haue at last resolued to write vnto you (as I haue allso Lately done to Portsmouth & Newport) about ye better ordering of it to my Advantage: I haue here (through Gods prouidence) Conveniencie of improoving some Goats

(*Verso*)

My request is therefore y^{t} (if it may be wethout much trouble) you would please to order ye paym^{t} of it in Cattell of y^{t} kind: I haue bene sollicited & haue

promised my helpe about Jron worcks, when the matter is ripe, earnestly desirous euerie way to further ye good of ye Towne of Prouidence, to wch I am so much ingaged, & to yor selues ye Lo: Jnhabitants thereof to whome I desire to be, yo^rs truely Loving & Euer faythfull Roger Williams.

For my Well beloved & much respected the Jnhabitants of the Towne of Prouidence

N° 2:

To m^r Robt Williams & m^r Tho: Harris, Deputies of Prouidence, or either of them

[044] To the Towne of Prouidence thes ernestly Jntreateath

That in regard of my distrackted mind, & huried thoughts, by extreame o[ ] you would bee pleased to pas by the formlesse figer of my composior, & to [ ] the more seriously into the matter of my p^rsent request vnto you [ ] vpon the grounds, ocations, & nessecities boath of state & persons as ffoll[ ]

ffirst wheras wee haue beine, & áre ingaged each to other for the maintion[ ] of each other in o^r Lawfull Rites & priueliges, & none to bee anny way moles[ ] but by the verdit of á knowne Law & that in the letter, by wch I see my [ ] ingaged to vse the fairest meanes y^t the Law ꝑscribes for my releese [ ] desireing nothing but Law, Reson, & Contience in the same to bee my J[ ] without either of them (as I Judge, & desire others might Judge of it allso) I haue beeine & am still deeply opressed to the vtter ruenation of mee & my pore distrackted fámily, & finding it runing so swiftly not onely to ruenate o^r estats but to bringe o^r bodies to the dust (if god preuent not in seson) to preuent wch if posible I thought good to p^rsent thes few lines to request yor speedy result; for the Jnosencie of my heart in the Cause, & thes foule & ábominable exclamations with the extreame tireny and opretion by mallise imposed vpon mee, doth worke such things in my mind through distracktion y^t no man can Jmagine,

Then in considerathon of w^ch | if | you can but see a way to | grant | mee a Comition to examine all things (& see if Law doth condemne mee [ ] opresse mee) & if that might bee done it would bee great ease to my mind, though my estate cannot but suffer much

And that they might bee of as indifferent men, to perssu, & Cause as might bee for I desire nothinge but Law & truth to take place of Lust, either in myselfe or others, I am sure o^r Law ꝑuids in such Cases to releeue the opressed

Jo^n warner

That A Generall Commission bee granted, to examine all cases of difference betwixt Jo^n warner, & the ꝑsedings against him at warwick, & to see if they haue beene Legall or Jllegall, & to determine of them according to Law, truth, & Contience

Allso to apoint time & place for the Jssue with the most conuenient speed, & the charge of the commition to bee in the Judgment & determination of the commitioners to lay it to whome it belonges in the result:

And that no forther ꝑseedings bee made by execution till the Legalletye of ꝑseedings doe so apeer by the Commissioners

And because the bruit hath gon so odeious, and executions so Large that the place may bee at ꝑuidence, thát so the truth of things may not bee smothered in one place but bee seene whare it hath beine but onely heard of: / Lastly the ground of thes ꝑpositions are because Buet there Agent ꝑposed to mee that Resonable courses might Jssue differences, wch if they bee reall it sháll still appere to bee the desire of Joh warner

(*Verso*)

Loving friend & neighbours, after salutations &c.

[ ]hese are to acquaint yu that ye Town of Provedence hath ordered that I should thus write. Wheras John warner (the 7th of this instant) Presented his request to o Town (a Copy wherof I have here inclosed) for a Gen: Comission to be granted unto him to examine all Causes &c. They having considered the request abovesaid, have therfore thus far concluded to motion to yr Town, desiring yr speedy result to these following heads viz.

[**045**] Loueing ffreinds & Neigbors

I take myselfe bound so fár ás I see my Náme, Credit, & Estate impeached, to vindecate myselfe in truth & fáithfullnesse, in Laying open such fallesies to ye vew of rashonall and imꝑshall minds, or to anny whose thoughts may bee forestalled by a ffálce álárum of strang & ꝑpostrouse corses of purpose to hide theire oune iniquity (with Addam) by Laying gilt vpon annother, wch by a ffalce & accusing writing is sent about ye Countrie, by reson of wch I shall in as breefe ánn Aration declare how ꝑseeding háue beene, & ye truth of them, with some grounes & resons of the same. /

ffirst I shall desire to mind you yt ye ground worke of all thes ꝑseedings hath beine laide allmost thes fower yeers past, & euer since a growing till this time the onely impertune seson to efect it pray considder yt at mr Gortons coming Lást from England being in one of his wonted ffits without anny ground or reson ꝑuoking him thereunto most vildely belched forth in ye extent of his vehement spirit ágáinst mee & mr Wilks Calling of vs Theeues & ráscols hanging was to good for vs, & thus continued for the space of fower oures yet could not mooue vs to ye Like behauior to him ágáine, then I tould him yt áll hee said did not moue mee seing wt trim hee was in. / hee then replied saying warner how thou Cologest with mee, ye wch I confesse stired mee more then all yt hee said before wch cásed mee to returne my thoughts of his prsent condition with far|e|lesnesse for his fauor

in ánny respect vpon those termes wee ꝑted m^r wilks máruillously troubled for ye Losse of m^r Gortons, fauor I concluded y^t in such cases it was better lost then found, by and by after m^r Gorton seing ye matter standing in disconten[ ] tooke ocation to excuse himselfe by fained recantall sermons, ꝑfessing words to bee out windy & ye thoughts of them ware gon as if they neuer ware its true they might wellenofe for no mán abused him therfore hee might well pas by his ounne abuses to others, & diuers of ꝑuidence & warwick there to heere him, & if hee had but the least seeming claws against ánnother hee would not spare to ꝑsecute, as witnesse m^r Todds busenesse with him at this time, & ye ocation hee hath taken to deale with mee & hallinge himselfe in secritly by annemating others to ꝑsecute, (as I hope to make apeere vniustly) & some for theire ꝑfit, & some for pride and enuie, are ꝑcured to Joyne with him to my vtter ouerthrow, of credit, estate, wife, & Chilldren, if god preuent not his bloody intentions & all because I could not falle vnder his pride & Lust beareing his reproches willingly Like an Asse vnder a burden, I could inlarge things farther then patience will beare to read in diuers clashes y^t wee haue [ ]ad since y^t time, but a touch is sufitient to those that know his implakable spirit wch I know som of you are not Jg|n|orant of so now I will come to ye p^rsent ocatio[ ] being compared with ye former things premised shall leaue it to Juditious Judgment

About ye first of January Last there came to warwick Jo^n Gereardÿ & most people in thes parts know his desime was to Mereba Sweet, commonly called Renued Holiman & with him fower more, ye sd Jo^n Gereardÿ being aquainted with mee by ye former ocation, desired mee to entertaine him & his Companye as allso houseroome for such goods as they brought to wch my answer was y^t it was now the ded of winter & I had ꝑuision onely for my ffamilÿ yet willing to plesure him I tould him y^t while I hád it they should not want though the time of ye yeere very vnsesonable to ꝑuide without farther speech hee brought those men & there goods to my house where they ware Loueingly entertained & ꝑuitions made for them euery roome in the house vpon ocations at there seruise, & diet as good as the time of ye yeere offored as porke & bakon roots butter Chees, for flesh meat Neuer made a meale without but at theire oune plesures thuse it continued for tow monthes time, as allso at diuers times freinds y^t came to visit them had ye Like entertainement with themselues wch ware not seldom but often & many siting vp erlÿ & Late & some I am sure besids themselues, hardly eat a meale out of my house for ye first month of there aboad, allso I had at my dore 16 (horse cart) Load of wood sufitient for my familÿ 3 moonthes time all which was burned spedelÿ keeping tow ffiers they haueing one allwayes to themselues & ffrends, thus was theire entertáinement & nothinge but Loueing Carages betwixt vs for the whole time then át there goeing away wee came to A reconing, for I hád receaued of Jo^n Gereardÿ goods former & Latter to ye some of 36 pouns 10 shillings which was all

y^{t} euer I had of him in my Life for w^{c}h I gaue him in good peage 10^{s} then hee asked mee w^{t} would please mee for there ꝑuitions I wished him to please himself in y^{t} but hee ꝑfest y^{t} there troble to vs had beine great & hee would haue mee to bee satisfied, then I tould him 13 pence ꝑ day for each was as Litle as I could see would defray my expences & troble, yet still I left it to him to pleas himselfe but hee seemed to bee well satisfied & desired mee to lay by ye peage & hee would call for it, & allso a bill of mee for ye rest of his pay y^{t} was yet behind, w^{c}h I paid him with p^{t} of his owne goods back againe to make euen betwixt vs

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vs before hee went áwaye at w^{c}h I receaued abill of discharg for all accounts betw[ ] vs, Now in ye meáne time before this discharg wás máde John Gereardÿ tould his comp[ ] w^{t} o^{r} reconing wás, so mother holiman & (y^{t} fierbrand of contention) Bewit, ye one [ ] to máke a breach as shee had often indeuord w^{n} her end was accomplished feari[ ] I should git into trades through Familiarity wch I ꝑceaued shee onely desired to hirself ye other to git oꝑtunity to vsher himselfe in by contention to ꝑcure imployment to Line vpon other mens estates as all bareters doe, hee then insinnuats allso into father holiman to imploy him to deale in ye duchmens behalfe, when they had thus fited the worke then came ye duchmen alltogether to mee, & tould mee they would giue mee according to Jo^{ns} account, I asked theire resons, they tould mee they ware informed by diuers y^{t} 3^{s} ꝑ weeke was a great price at wch I was moued & tould them y^{t} they might goe to such places next time, but at ye p^{r}sent I was resolued to haue w^{t} I had áccounted for, they then tould mee y^{t} they had Lost goods since they came into my house & so thretend mee if I would not take Lesse for theire board they would charge y^{t} vpon my familÿ, wch I abhoringlÿ detested both them & there goods in such a way resoluedlÿ tould them y^{t} I scorned to stop there monthes so as to betray my inocencye in y^{t} kind, then I plainelÿ did see the ould (w^{t} shall I say of her) w, shee had a plot to worke mischeef, together with Bewet for his wages. cares not w^{t} mischeefe befalles anny man either in name, or estate, yet affter this thes duchmen came ágáine to mee to make a full end & did so in respect of all áccounts ye copie of w^{c}h I haue heere inclosed, w^{n} this was done then was Bewet so mad thinkinge his worke had beine finished, y^{t} hee came to see ye discharge & tould them it was not Legall, but tould mee it was volence, nolence, but y^{t} must needs bee a Lye of noncence, y^{t} a man should set to his hands ꝑforce w^{n} hee might as well haue sued before for his dett as afterwards when hee had more disaduantage, as allso I wished him to take ye reseait before hee sett to his hand & carie it to anny or all ye men in towne, to see if it ware anny more but reson y^{t} if a man páy all his áccounts hee should not giue him such á discharge, then they consulted together & as they pretended hád gotten great aduantage by a peece of

holand y^{t} they ꝑcured from Potters wife, (w^{c}h Bewet & James Sweet men of equall truth) cuningly ꝑcured w^{c}h they say potters wife bought of my wife, then to Lawe they would goe with mee for ye dett aforsaid & with my wife for suspition of ffel[ ]inge about by insinuations and ffalce áccusátions, exasperating people by all Lyes they could inuent to ꝑcure there ꝑty stronge with pregidise, houldon & wilkes then ꝑswaded for Arbetration I tould them either Lawe or Arbetration so it ware publick was all one to mee but I would not haue my inocency smoothered for I ꝑceaued all álonge they sought for y^{t}, then Arbetration was agred one 3 men by each chosen, I tould them there oune three should serue if they would but they refused, then I chose 3 more to them, so they Chose m^{r} Gorton m^{r} Smyth m^{r} Houldon : / & I tooke m^{r} wilks m^{r} Todd & Rich Carder, then I ꝑmited them to state the way to ye Arbetraters in w^{t} Jngagment themselues pleased to Jsue it then ye time áppointed wee mett then Bewett hee declared for ye duchmen, & I made Answer for myselfe & wife & when they ꝑceaued they could make nothinge ágáinst mee, but saw I cleerd ye dett & my wife cleerd the holand by shewinge a peece it was coot of from it it ware y^{t} w^{c}h shee sould to potters wife, then Gorton & ye rest espetially Gorton fell in to a rage threatning of mee y^{t} they would doe w^{t} pleased them, I tould them lett them doe w^{t} they pleased I was bound to answer it & stand to w^{t} they did, onely I desired then w^{t} ouer they did yet lett mee haue my writing ágáine w^{n} they had perused it, then houldon said if it pleased them I should, if not, I should not, I answerd y^{t} so they might cansell my writing & Leaue the other at Libertye to sue for ye dett so I might bee compeld to fight & my wepons taken from mee, & I heard afterwards y^{t} they intended to haue Laid my wife secritly vnder gilt of pillfering & y^{t} I should haue paid vnder a ruler of batment of diet, & y^{t} I knew gorton gaped after, to make good his former scandollouse reproach, but when I tooke my writing into my ouue custedy then they went to consult together & most of them in a ráge, & brought á writing to vs with there hands subscribed y^{t} they would Leaue it ás a matter to hie for them in respect of goods feloniously taken áway so they referd it to ye Lawe. Now pray seriously consider theire ꝑseedings w^{c}h they cáll Lawe & take notisse y^{t} in o^{r} Towne wee haue no other directions for ꝑseedings but w^{t} is from ye General Court Neither for writs, Nihilldisets, Executions, nor anny other way to call anny man to Triall, first you shall see in ye recorders office, y^{t} a writ is to bee granted, & y^{e} ꝑty Arested, & ye returne of ye writ by obligation 20 dayes before ye Court, then if ye Decleration is filed accordingly to ye Law, & noe answer to it A Nihildisete is granted, & so writ of Jnquiry, & Judgment vpon it &

[046] & Execution vpon ye Judgment &c Now in theire ꝑseedings no writ was granted áccording to ye Lawe nor ye form of it acording to Law, Neither was I Arested átall, for ye writ as they call it wanted ye time according to Láw, for

it was but seuen dayes before ther apointed Court & theire was no returne spesefied in it, nor no bayle, nor bond returned into ye office wch by Lawe giues being to ye Action to bee called in court yet they ꝑseed by ye beleefe of Bewit though against Lawe, to grant A Nihilldisit vpon this Action of dett & found damage tenn pounds & gaue Execution vpont | it | wch was as they say Legall but I am sure they tooke from mee out of my grounds A Mayre & Coult wch I can haue 40^£ for & retaine her from mee by force of Armes wch was done by Bewit. & his asosiats, if things may goe one thus y^t mens wills is Lawe, & there Lawe Lust of reuenge, then no mans estate credit, or Life can bee preserued by Lawe but áll wille suburted to mens oune ends, & Lawe but a shadow & there wills ye substance, Now see theire fallese alitle farther, w^n they had ꝑcured this illegall Execution, then they sent from ye Court to come & receaue of ye duchmen 8^s ꝑ weke for diet so y^t by y^t I had áccnoledged there vninstaction of dett, ye wch I tould them I had satisfaction állredy, & had receaued but 7^s : 5^d ꝑ weeke as you may see by this discharge, now all ye difference was y^t they would pay mee in peage at 6 ꝑ penny becase they tooke so for theire goods, I tould them & themselues ware eye witnesses y^t w^t ꝑuitions I bought cost mee After 8 a penny & very hard to git at y^t time of yeere & haueing made noe bargaine with mee I saw no reson to Loose by them wch I am sure wilbee to ye vallew of 100^£ first my mayre is gone at ꝑsent my time lost & great store of monny spent my family through distracktions put to great & vnsuferable exegences | besids ye diet of them 5, & othor of ye frinds for tow monthes | for no other end but to serue mens Lust of pride enuie & ꝑfit, for if y^t would haue serued ye turne wch themselues did ꝑfer (after execution) to mee for theire diet I haue good proofe y^t I tenderd y^t to them before euer they medled with ye sute, wch was more then I needed to doe, yet I so did & they refused, & w^n they had gotten 40^£ of mee then they tenderd mee ye same, Gentlemen pray now consider this is ye truth, how they haue delt with mee, & far worse with my wife wch I shall cease to relate till I see ye result, how anny flesh is able to beare such great opretion lett ye im ꝑshall man Judge & how to bee [ ]eleeued as ye case stands I am ignorant Strong exasperations stirs mee to moue, & opretions will make a wise man mad therfore if my expretions seem vnsauory, or my accions vnsemly, pray put them in ye ballance against opretion & so Jndge of both imparshally; vnto wch Judgment I am willinge to resine vp myselfe subiect

Jo^n warner

The Copie of ye Discharge
Receaued 27th ffeb 1651

of John warner for áll detts dues or demands for w^t hee had in goods of mee the some of thirty sixe pounds tenn shillings sixe pence in peag at six a penny I say receaued in ꝑtickelers as follow, in peage tenn pounds. in cloth and other

small trade backe againe, eaight pounds, tenn shillings, seuen pence and in Diet for fiue men at 5 shillings fiue pence ℘ day wth other reconings, eaightteen pounds, I say receaued in full sattisfaction for all accounts dew to mee as aforesaid ye some of 36£ 10s 7d

paer mij Jan geraerdy

(*Verso*)

To ye Towne off Providence thes prsent
Wim Burrowes his Deedes inclosed
ffootts will & Jnventory inClosed

[047] Two: ye: Cort of prouidence.
Whereas: Will ffelde. haue aRested me to: Anser: ye: Action next cort being held at youre towne ye 1: & 2: day of ye Present mounth I being not Prepared for want of time desire ye Libetie of ye: Cort to defar it tell ye next Cort ffolloing:
witnesse: by me Will Cotton.

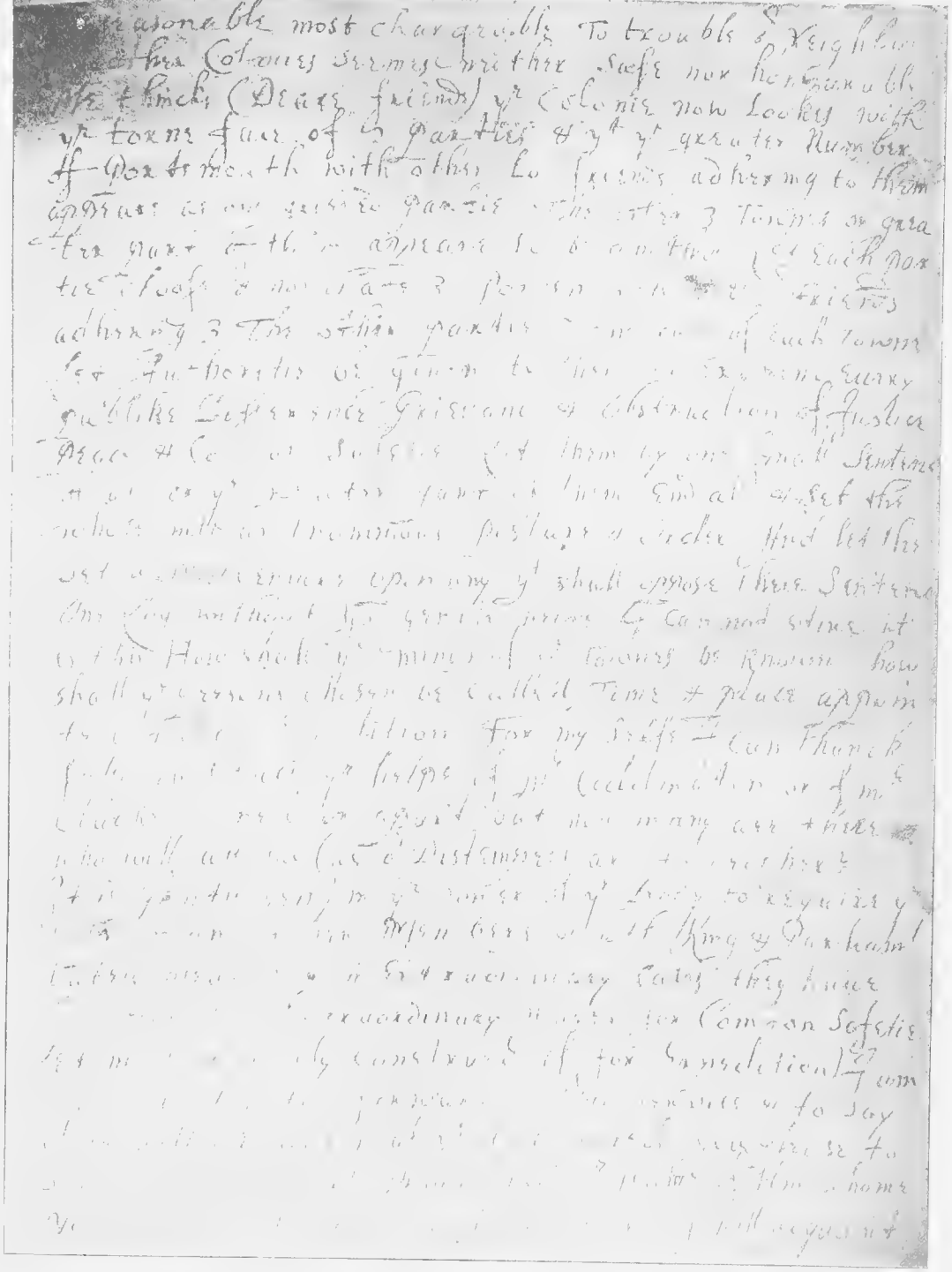
the 1: 6: moth 1651:

[048] the request of James Bradish
To the Courte asembled in prouidence this is to intreate you to Consider of my Condishion and in as muche as I did arest danill Cumstucke to the towne Courte for a tryall of the difrance Betwixte us I wold desyer that I may haue a fayer tryall in the courte acordinge to lawe. what defrance is ther betwene our liuinge in the towne that he should haue a tryall and I be denyed I had at the first Courte brought in my accounte had not thomas Onye senure sayd that I coulde not but I must sewe hime againe now for any on to thinke that I disinable the Courte for a tryall I denyed it for I seued to the Courte for Justis in the Cause & a tryall accordinge to law for my goods but I could not haue it last Court I desyer that I may haue it this next Cout and it may not be put ofe any longer for I knowe not what it may hinder me, in respect of the rumore of wares at the duthe and wher as ther was preuockinge words giuen the last Courte I wold intreate as they may be ouer loked for I had giuen none if I had not bine denyed a tryall the last Courte thus hopinge I shall find you mercyfull men I seas to truble you & resst yours James Bradish 27 Jenu 1651

[049] To Hugh Bewit. /
Wheras Mr Wm ffield of Providence hath arested Wm Cotton of Boston Butcher upon an action of Debt, & requires security upon the Prosecution of the same to the valew of twenty pound, for the answering of the said Action now depending: I do hereby become engaged in the said sūme for the said Wm Cotton upon his request

℘ me Ben: Arnold /

This 25 of July 1651. Providence. /



PAGE TWO.

ROGER WILLIAMS' LETTERS.

This is a true Copy ꝑ me Gere: Dexter
Providence the 15th of the 9th 1651. / Town = Clerke

[050] Providence the 23 of the 9th m. 1651 /
John Sayles ingaged upon the penalty of ꝑjury testifyeth. / That upon d[ ] with William Cotton of Boston Butcher, this 19th of the 9th moneth aforesaid, touch[ ] the transaction of the affaires of the Court at Providence aforesaid about the s[ ] Cottons Suit, comensed against him by William ffield of the said Town of Providence; the said Cotton declared, that when he went to take advice of the Magistrates of the Massachusets about it: some of the said Magistrates being publikely assembled, motioned, that a Letter might be sent to Providence to know a reason of their proceedings in the said Suit: to wch mr Dudley being Debt: Governour being then present replyed, a Sword if any thing

This Affidavate taken before vs /
Robert Williams } Towne Depy
& : Thomas Olney }

[051] Providence 1 10 51 (so calld)
Lo: friends & Neighbors
Whereas when jt pleaseth God to take any person out of this Life who hath not time & Abilitie to dispose of his Estate & Children, there is danger of great Catching & Contending for his goods often times, as allso of wrong vnto his Orphans, Yea & of tearing thejr Fathers Estate & themselues in pieces. And whereas jt js ye dutie & ye practice of all Well ordered Commonweales & Societies, of our owne Mother Nation & of this Colony to see the Estate of such as die without Will to be setled in a peaceable Way: We whose names are vnderwritten whom ye Towne was pleased to Nominate for ye Towne Councell for this yeare, we haue thought jt our dutie to present you with a Case & Matter wch Concerns our selues & you & euery Jnhabitant amongst vs. // You all know how it pleased God lately & suddenly to call from vs our lo: & beloved neighbor Nich: Power, without disposing of his Estate & family: You allso know yt jt js the Generall Law & practice of the Colony, yt ye Towne Councell in such cases shall provide for ye peace & safetie of his Estate & children, & yt thejr Determination shall stand in ye stead of ye Will of ye deceased. Accordingly We haue Endeavoured to ꝑforme ye Trust you haue Committed to vs. We haue met djuers times, some of vs haue Conferred with ye | late | Wife of Nich Power, & all of vs haue sollemnly written to her vnder our hands in this paper here annexed: But so jt js yt she refuseth to yeald obedjence to ye Law of ye Colony in this case provided: so yt we are desirous of ye Towns further direction in this Case

William ffeild
Roger Wjlliams
Arthur Fenner
Thomas Olney
Henry Browne

(*Verso*)

Towne Stock deb^{tr}

by p^{d} to Ralph Eearle	00 – 18 – 00
by p^{d} to 5 Commissioners that went to Warwick in June (n$^{\smile}$ 7) Tho: Harris. Sam: Bennet Tho: Walwin. James Ashton Jo^{n} Sayles	02 – 12 – 04
by p^{d} to y^{e} Commissioners y^{t} went to Portsmouth March (n$^{\smile}$ 7) [ ] ffield m^{r} olnie Edw: Enman	02 – 18 – 00
By p^{d} to Roger Moorie for & for fireing one day	
By p^{d} to Rich: Pray for one pinte Liqer	02^{s} : 08^{d}

Towne stock Cred^{tr}

	lb s d
By y^{e} Excise of 37 Anker of Liqer brought | in | By Hen: ffowler. Ede: Jnman. will: ffiield. Rich Pray since ye 10th of June Last wch Cometh to at 5^{s} the Anker:	09 : 05 : 00
By ye Excise of 11 Anker of wine Br|o|ught by Rich Pray at 20^{d} ℔ Anker	00 : 18 : 04
By one Hogsheade brought by Ben: Smith.	00 : 10 : 00
The totall of all ye wine & Liqer brought in this yeare comes	lb – 10 : 13 : 04
whereof allredie Rec of Hen: ffowler	00 – 10 – 00
of Rich: Pray	01 – 12 – 08
of William ffield	00 – 13 – 04
of Edw: Jnman	00 – 15 – 00
of Ben: Smith	00 – 10 – 00
in all	04 – 01 : 00
rest due	06 – 12 : 04
Due to y^{e} for Purchas monie this yeare from Hen Neale. Rich: Pray Epi: Olnie & Edw: Jnman at 8 ℔	lb s d 06 – 00 – 00

[052] warwicke thes 4 of october 1651

Mr John Smeth exsamened Testefies that vppon discorse with will Cotton the bocher about the month of Jouly Last past | he | heard him say he oughte will Feld Tenne pond vppon a bele which the sade Feald had order his hand taken before me Randall Houldon

(*Verso*)

Roger Anadowne testifyeth that W. ffields wife went down into the Bay for the the 10 pounds W. Cotton ought to the said W. ffield

[053] The 23 of October 5i at a Generall meetinge at Warwicke Ordered & agreed:

Officers chosen and engadged
- M^{r} | Sa | Gorton President for the Colonie
- Mr William ffield Generall Assstant formerly chose | stands |
- Mr John Weekes Generall Asistant formerly chose sta[ ]
- John Greene Ju Recorder

Hugh Bewit Generall Sarient it is also ordred that hee shall performe the office of a waterbayley & repayre to M^{r} ffield for [ ] engadgement and so to stand while May next till new bee chosen

Ordred That 6 men of a Towne bee chosen for a Comittee and that they shall meet at Providence, and there consult & determine, of what may make for the publique good of the Colonie & this meetinge is to bee the 4 of November ensuinge, Ordred That the Generall Courte of Tryalls bee held the 5 of November next, at Providence, and that 6 men of a Towne bee chosen for Jury men, by reason of necessity, and their names bee returned accordinge to order

By the Generall Court John Greene Ju Secretarie

[054] To m^{r} William ffield of Providence

The : 25th. of October : 1651

Loveing Sirre, wheras I am betrusted and interested, by and ffor m^{r} William Cotten of Boston in a case or suite depending betwixt you and him ; and alsoe I understanding y^{t} he is cast by this Court. I thereupon went Lately to m^{r} Dexter (who was Aturny in ye case for m^{r} Cotten) and asked his advice about an apeale, he answerd y^{t} acording to Towne order it was to Late to Apeale ; I after Consideration answerd & replyed, y^{t} if things had bene in order as fformerly ; it was then true, y^{t} acording to order &c. ye Limited time had ben past, But I tooke noe notice of y^{t} order (sayd I) because I unde[ ]stood before, & still did understand y^{t} ther's, noe Certayne Court, place, nor time to Apeale unto, as in truith there was not. nor Could any Apeale be therefore Granted, which for the present satisfyed

us. But now understanding a Generall Court is apoited. or a way settled for it (at Least) And that a Prssident is chossen (vizt) Mr Gorton. / I had hereupon thoughts to have sent to the Pressident ffor an Apeale. But uderstading upon inquiry, that, the Gen^{r} Assistant ffor this Towne hath Powre to Grant Apeales to ye Gen^{r} Court. &c: I doe desire you sirre (as you ar ye Gen^{r} Assistant. &c) to Grant an Apeale in the aforesayd Case, according to Law, & your absolute Engagement to the Colloney; But if you shall see Cause to the Co[ ]trary, I pray give me your absolut[ ] Answer. Yea, or Noe. Or if you see Cause not to answer yea; I then request you to shew this my desire as here it is written to the Towne at their Next Publick meeting. ffor upon the Sight hereof I doupt not but ye Townesmen will soe ffar Ajetate the thing y^{t} it shall be Soe ordered & carryed on, y^{t} there may apeare noe defect as ffrom or by them in the Managing, & ffurther Prossecuteing of justice in this Cause; Considering, as is afore expressed, the Late disturbance & Breach in the Coloney. & Soe with all due respects resteth.

Sirre, Yours to Serve you
Benedict: Arnold

Providence October: 25 (1651)

(*Verso*)

The Copy of an Execution. /
ffor m^{r} W^{m}. ffield of Providence
Of noe great vallue. /

[055] At the Court of Tryalls held the 7th of the 1st m. 52. /

Ordered by the Court that Samuel Beñet shall be serjeant for the day & be ingaged, Tho. Wallin being absent

Ordered that Tho. Hopkins shall be Jury=man in the stead of John ffield being absent. /

Plantiffe & Defendant being called 3. times, the Plant[ ] William Almy, & the Defendant John Smith, the said Defendant John Smith appeared not, neither his Attourney.

Ordered by the Court that it be entred:

The Defendant saith nothing, & so it is taken that he confesseth the Action

The Verdict of the Jury

We having considered the case between William Almy & John Smith, doe find for the Plantiffe thirt[ ] nine pounds ten shillings damage, beside the Costs of the Court /

Ordered that the Bill of Charges drawn up & taxed by the Deputies, & the sūme contained in the verdict of the Jury shall be transcribed, & delivered to the said Deputies by the Town=Clerk within 10 dayes next after the date hereof, & then the Execution shall be signed by the said Deputies to the Gen. Serjeant Hugh

Bewet, who shall be alowed 2^{s} — ℔ pound for serving the said Execution, except the sūme of 44$^{£}$ — 19^{s} — 8^{d} be payd within 10 dayes to Gregory Dexter Town = Clerk for the use of William Almy or a legall supsedeas or removall be brought within the terme of 10. dayes abovesaid to the said Town = Clerks office

(*Verso*)

Williā Almy and John Smith. /

[056] The 7th of the 1st m. 52.

John Greene Junior vpon his engadgment testifieth that beinge in the Towne of Providence at the house of William ffield when the vessell came from Newfoundland with Mr Smith about two dayes or the next tuesday after the ariuall of the vessell, my brother Christover Almy also beinge there as wee were carriynge some of the liquors downe to the water side and goinge vp to fech more William ffield abousayd stopped the rest beinge the quantity of fiue Ankors and a halfe wherupon I with my brother Christover Almy proffered both William ffield and Mr John Smith aforsayd to pay for the fraight in a beast wheat or liquors at money prise heere in the country but they refused sayinge they would haue liquors at the prise they cost in Newfoundland, so wee wished the company to beare witnesse that William ffield stopped fiue Ankors and a halfe of liquors from vs wherupon hee replied yee beare witnesse I stopp fiue ankors and a halfe of Christover Almyes liquors, the sayd William ffield then profered to put the matter to refference wherupon my brother Christover Almy with myselfe answered the liquors were his fathers and therfore hee could not assent therunto vntill his father came himselfe

ffurthermore afterwardes My father Almy and my brother Christover abousayd came with my selfe to the sayd Towne of Providence to the house of William ffield Mr John Smith aforsayd beinge there present then my father Almy demaunded his liquors of the aforsayd John Smith and ffield and tendered them Peage or porke for the fraight but they refused the pay and refused to deliuer the liquors then my father Almy proffered to put the whole matter to refference which they likewise refused taken in Court teste. Gre. Dexter Town = Clerk.

[057] The testimony of Henry brown & Christopher Almy in Court the 7th of the 1st m. 52.

Henry Brown testifyeth vpon his Engagement that they bought the ankors of liquors | wch are in contraversy | for Dutch Brandey,

Christopher Almy being engaged testifyeth that he tasted of all the anchors & he bought them for Dutch brandey

[058] The first tuesday after our ariuall from newfoundland Christipher Allmy & John Greene his Brother did demand their father Allmies lickers offering

william feild to make him pay in Catell at silluer price which william feild refused then william feild offered them Arbyttration wereupon John Greene and Christopher Allmy ansewed they could not in their father Allmies absence

This abousaid testimony Henry Brown giveth in upon his ingagement before us in Court

Thomas Harris
Henry Reddocke
Toune Deputies

The 7th of the 1st m. 52.

[059] Honored friends and Neighbours of the Towne of Providence wee hauinge receaued a letter by Mr William Dier thus subscribed John Sanphod William Jeffery William Baulstone John Parker Which letter is directed to your Towne as well as ours, and the matter concerninge your selues as well as vs, wee thought meet therfore to send you word that wee are very free to a meetinge to heare what Mr William Dier hath brought from the right honorable Councell of State concerninge vs and the time to bee a Tuesday come fornight or sooner if possible may bee if you consent thertoo and concerninge the manner of it, it is thought meet to bee by the free Jnhabitants, But if you scruple any of these ꝑposistions wee desire you would apoint as speedy a time as you can to meete our Towne at Patuxet or heere if you please but so the letter may bee fairely answered, and any orders of our Noble Gouernor attended vnto / not els but our respects

Dated at Warwicke
this 15 of ffebruarie 52

By the Towne of Warwicke
John Greene Clarke /

(*Verso*)

Warwickes letter touching meeting about England & direction &c /

To the hod Dputies of the Towne of Providence for the Towne these present with trust

Of noe greate vallue: I thinke.

[060] To the Free Jnhabitants of the Towne of Prouidence

Louing freinds and neighbors these are to signifie vnto you That it hath pleased the Right Honble the Councill of State authorized by the supreame Authority of the Comon wealth of England: To betrust my self wth letters & orders Concerning this Colony & the wellfare therof be pleased therfor to vnderstand that vpon Tuesday Come seuen nights at portsmouth in Road Jland att Mr Baulstons House I shall be ther (God willing) ready to attend the Comunication of the Trust Comitted to my charge, vnto all such Free Jnhabitants as shall ther make their personall appearances

Giuen vnder my hand this present 6th day of the weeke being the i8th of Feb: i652

William Dyre

(*Verso*)

Mr Dyers signification

For Mr ony Mr Williams Mr Haris Magistrats of the Towne of Prouidence to be presented to the Free Jnhabitants of the Colony of Prouidence Plantations residing in this Towne aforsaid

[061] Jn Warwicke March the 5th 1652

James Greene | beinge engadged | testifieth that hee beinge at Providence at the house of William ffield the first tuesday after the Ariuall of the vessell that Mr Smith came in from Newfowndland my Couzin Christover Almy also beinge there hee together with my brother John Greene demaunded his father Almyes liquors to the quantity of fiue ankors and a halfe of the sayd William ffield tendringe a beast or wheat or liquors at mony prise heere in the Country for the fraight, which william field refused, and sayd hee would haue the liquors heere as it was bought in Newfowndland, and therupon stopped the sayd liquors which beinge done they bidde the people beare witnesse of his stoppidge of the liquors, which the sayd William ffield acknowledg|ed| stayinge I stopp fiue ankors and a halfe of Christover Almyes liquors / Wherupon William ffield profferred my Cousin Christover Almy to put it to refferrence, but my Cousin Christover together with my brother John Greene answered the goodes were his | father | Almyes and therfore hee could doe nothinge in it till his father came /

Giuen before mee John Greene Asistant

(*Verso*)

The testimony of James Greene in the case of Wm Almy. /

[062] Providence the i6th off March. i652.

These are in the name and by the Authoritie of the Comonwealth of Jngland as now it is established [to give order and to Au|thorize you | Hugh Bewitt Generall Sergeant] to Seize vpon soe much of the Lands or Goods off John Smith of Warwicke Merchant as shall amount by Valuation to the sume of forty nyne Pound ten shillings and Six Pence at Peig seven a Penny which said sume shall defray all damage and Cost Awarded to William Almy of Rode Jland Plantiue wjth any Action of the Case in the poynt of detaynour Comenced and isued to Judgment by the said Plantiue against the fornamed John Smith defendant | in | the Toune Court of Tryalls in Providence as in the Touns Court Rolles more at Large appeares and all such Lands or Goods as shall by vertue heeroff | be | Seized vpon shalbe ordered and disposed on according to Generall order for the satisfieing of the Plantiue as aforesaid all damage and Cost and the due execution of this writt of execution according to Generall and Toune Court orders in this and such like Cases Provided Givin vnder our hands the day and yeare abouesaid

To Hugh Bewet Gen Serjeant or his deputy.

[063] Giue at Warwick this present May the 4th: 1652.

To Hugh Beiwitt Generall Sergeant of the province of Providence Plantations

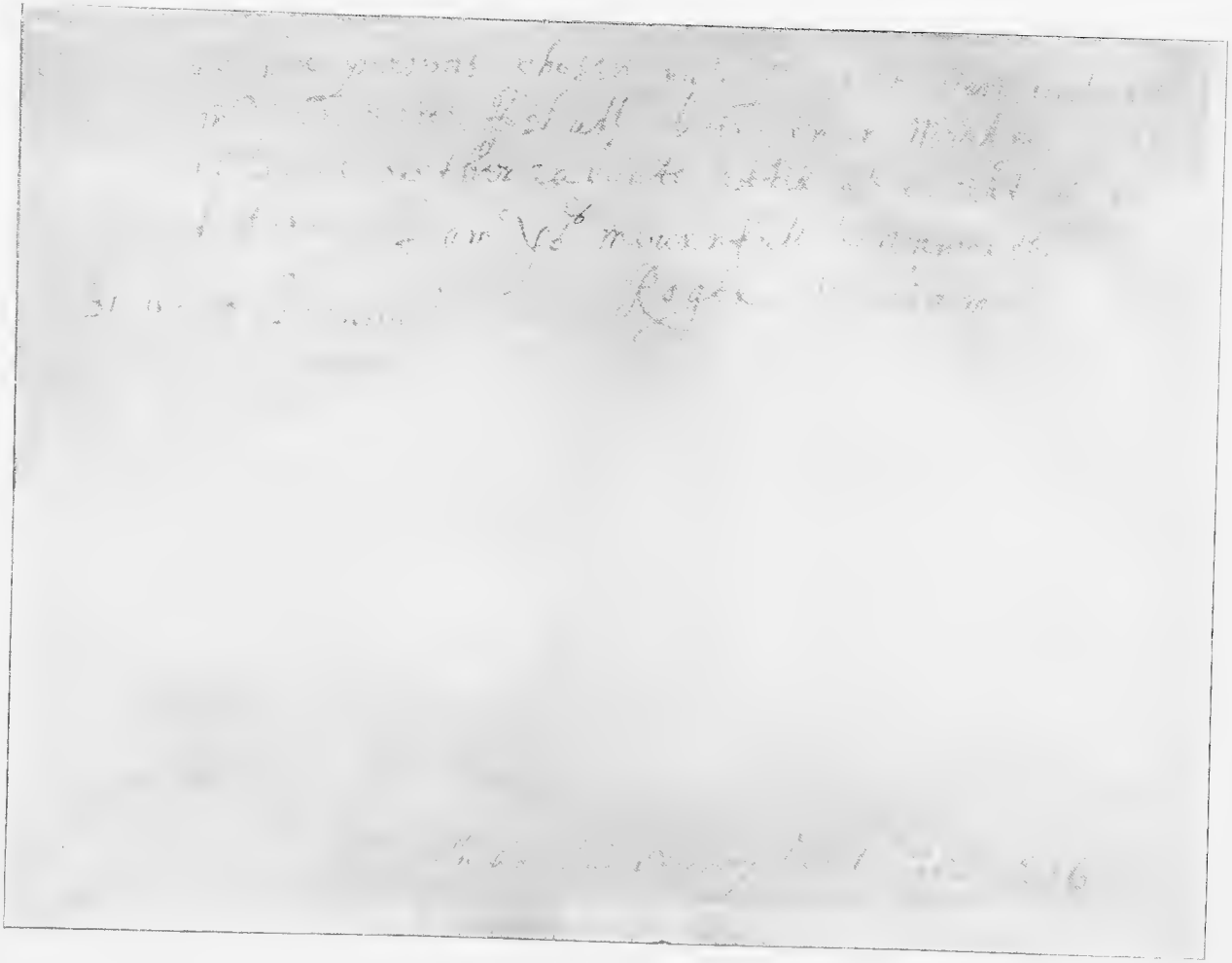
Theese are to Require you in the Name of the Keepers of the Liberties of England By the Authoritie of Parliament: That you forthwith giue warning to the Townes of prouidence and of warwick: That the make Choice of able and Sufficient men to exersise the office of Comissioners for the supply of the generall asembly of this Collony, Now aprochinge, as also Juditiouse and experienced men for Juratts, for the furnishinge of the Court of tryalls Suckseedinge the generall assembly: according to former Edicts and orders, and that the Court and assembly be atended vppon acording to law, by the freemen of each Corporation, for the makeinge of Lawes, Chooseinge of officers, and Tryall of Causes, as ocation shall bee offered which Court of tryalls, and generall asembly are to be held at the Towne of warwick, and to begin the first Tuseday after the fifteenth of this instant which will bee the eighteenth day of this present month of may and hearof you are not to faile att yor ꝑill

Samuell Gorton. prese: nt:

[064] Werwick the 4th: of May: 1652.

Worthie ffreinds

I haue accordinge to the order and Jniunction of this ꝑvince Giuen out a warrant to the generall Sergeant to warne yor Towne of providence forthwith to provide and make Choice of such able and sufficient men amongst you as may Juditiously ꝑform the place and office of Comissioners for the suply of the generall Asembly now aprochinge, as also Sufficient and able men for Jury men for the furnishinge of, the Court of Tryalls suckseedinge the generall assembly, accordinge to the decree, order, and apointment of this Collony, yor help is much desired to procure as great an apeerance, of yor Townes men in generall, as may bee with Conveniencie obtained, Because wee fale Short in many institutions, not formed, as also in those wee haue; being many of them obscure and doubfull & in many respects defectiue, admittinge of So many obiections (att the least by subtill invectiue, and Litigiouse spiritts), that when the Should Come vnto Execution Justice is obstructed By Cavills and expostulations, yor help in further institutions, as also in reformations or in Largments by bringinge things to be more Conspicuouse, wee waite for and expect, and desire things may be don by Joynt Concent; and (viuit vocit) so farr as may bee atained; which will add no smale strength to the rules wee walk, by, in their execution, as also giue much incoragment to those put in office to see them obserued, for vnto the generall lawes each ꝑticuler | twone | will be nesesitated to haue an eye, to leuell att, as neare as Constituon of places will ꝑmitt, and well it were, if people were, so Considerat, in the Choice of officers (either for the generall or in



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ROGER WILLIAMS' LETTERS.

Providence Town Papers, 015.

ticuler Townes). as to bee vnanimus in their ordainations and apointments, that so ccorporation, might apeere, and not so much as asigne of dismembringe Contradiction or vneuen drawinge, might behave of amongst us, and though I canot giue (yet Can I willingly, waite for) aduise, to ataine hervnto I Only, thiss much I think, that such men are fittest for office in this place, That cann with most ease vndergoe the greatest Load of Jgnominy and Reproch / of which for my owne t, I am vncapable and so desire accordingly to be looked vppon / as one that hath his full Burdenn already.

I heare John warner hath taken ocation to express himself before yo^u Concerninge my self, I desire you to send mee a coppie of his larg Affedauitt, if it admitt of any Bounds or Limitts, if not I desire to veiw it, and shall indeuour the best I may, to putt the Confines of truth and moderation about it, if its sercomferance bee not more Subtill then vox popula saith it is, I presume not to trouble you farther at this tyme, but with my best respects remaine yo,rs · Samuell Gorton

(*Verso*)

To his trustie and Welbeloued freinds m^r Robert Williams: and m^r Thomas Olney: Deputies of the Towne off providence theese present with Speede.

[065] Shipped abord the Providence of Pequitt for Christover Almy Ralph Parker master for Newfoundland forty nine roles of Tobacko one hogshead of flowre and thirteene bushells of pease the hog: marked with C A, which goodes are to pay after the rate of fifty shillinges the Tun as also fifty shillinges for his passage and are to bee deliuered at Newfoundland safe and well all danger of the seas excepted dated the first of June 1652 A true coppie John Smith

[066] . To the Honbl towncowncel At Prouidence this Js to informe you that we are much Discatisfied of oure lying hear Concidring we are All wall Excep ye boye And oure desire Js that you woold not wate for doctors Cuming Up from Rhodisland And by that time we may Ceehit Oure humble petition Js that ye boye & wee may be Seprated for we Shall be Uerey loath to Stay onboard with him Aney longor Jf we hant Relief Jn A short time We that Are wall Shall leue | ye uescel | Jn Considoration of what may happin to us And So haue Sot oure hands to ye Same

June 26 1752

Jos: Turpin
John Brown
William Page Junow.
Anth feild
Silas Cook
Jabez Gorham
David Callam
Caleb Lamb
Nathl X Boolock
Bennedick Taber

To Mr George Brown Esqr Jn Prouidence Capt Jos Turpens Debter To Mr George Brown Esq of Prouidence in New England

[067] Neighbours and friends of the Towne of Providence our Towne hauinge receaued a letter from your Towne dated the 27th of this Jnstant and hauinge taken into serious consideration the motions therin contained haue therfore accordingly ordred that fowre Commissioners beinge now chosen by them shall meet your Comissioners at the place and time where Warwicke Asistant suplyinge the place of the President shall apoint, furthermore our Towne haue Ordred that in case you doe the like, that their Commissioners with yours may haue libertie as they shall see cause to treat either by word or writinge with the Jland namely Portsmouth and Newport, to see if there may bee a vnanimous agreement for the 4 Townes to send ouer together as desiring the former charter to bee renewed, which vnanimous agreement may bee a meanes to remoue some obstackles for first it may take of a tye vpon Mr Williams our Agents mind who at present cannot | so freely | sue for the whole 2dly it may bee a meanes to take of some potent man in the Parlaiment that may obstruct, as also 3ly wee may the better bringe in the Nanhiganset bay which Conitticutt men so striue for, which it granted them wilbee very

(*Verso*)

preiudistiall to vs beinge wee can neither haue free egresse nor regresse by sea, thus in hast desiringe your welfare wee cease farther to trouble you,

Dated at Warwicke the 29th of July (52)

By the Towne John Greene Ju Secretar

(*Verso*)

To the Towne Deputies for the Towne of Prouidene these bee deliuered with trust /

[068] To Hugh Bewitt Generall Sergeant Greetinge

Theese are to will and Require you in the name of the Keepers of the Liberties of the Comonwealth of England That you forthwith giue notice to the Townes of Prouidence and warwick, that the prepare eight able and Juditiouse men as a Comettie to Consult and determin Concerninge the publike affai[ ] of this Collony, in the further inform[ ]nge of, and presentinge our desires vnto, our agent in Engla[ ] and that foure men out of each Towne abousaid do repaire vnto the house of mr Robert Potter Jn warwick vppon the second day of August next insuinge, the date hearof, heareof faile you not

dated att warwick
the prsent July 29th. 1652:

Samuell Gorton
Deputie prsedent

[069] Providence the 9th of the 9th m. 52. /

These are to give Order to you Thomas Wallen Town = Serjeant, (Jn the name of the State of England) to arrest the body of John Smith Merchant Jn an Action of the Case in point of Detainor of severall Anchors, or quantityes of liquors, to the valew of forty pounds: and to keep him in safe Custody, or under sufficient bayle, to answer the said Action at or Town Court held the 1st second day of the 10th moneth next, wch entred against him by William Almy of Road Jsland. hereof yu are not to fayle

Gre: Dexter Town = Clerke. /

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a Bond writing		
for Hugh 5 Subpanas	2 —	6
a Copy of a bill of Lading	1 —	0
1 Subpana W field	0 —	6

(*Verso*)

To Thomas Wallin Town = Serjeant these. /

[070] Providence the 9th of the 9th 52.

An Action of the Case in point of Detayner entred aganst John Smith Merchant by William Almy of Portsmouth to the valew of 40 pounds. /

Hugh Bewet & Jo Green engaged to see the suit [ ]ro[ ]ecuted or pay the | Charges |

(*Verso*)

[ ] in it is a letter to my father

ye mony you [ ] to martha ward, or Clear I haue now sent it her, but know not yet whetther she hath receued it I heare she liues somtimes with her husband by his abusing her she is little better yn destracted. I should gladly heare from you & allso how it is with sister Lee and sister Louill if you know it allso if brother Clark & mr Williams be returned or not & what good is efected by their going if you know the God of peace & truth preserue you pray be a meanes yt this inclosed may be conuayed according to direction so I rest

Your brother Marke Lucar

[071] Providence the 10th of the 9th m. 52. /

The Declaration of William Almy of Road = Jsland Plant: against John Smith of Warwicke | Merchant | Defendt: in an Action of the Case, now depending in this Court of Providence:

Wherein the said William Almy Declareth, that the said John Smith, together wth his Copartner William ffield doth unlawfully detaine & keep from the said

William Almy & his assignes the quantity of five Ancors & a half of Liquors, to the losse & damage of the said William Almy the sūme of forty pounds, where upon the said William Almy is constrained to bring his action, & seek reliefe by due course of Law. / By Hugh Bewet Attoarr. in the Case. /

[**072**] The request of William Almy of Road Jsland Planter, to the Law = making Court of the Town of Providence respectively sheweth,

Whereas he hath a Cause or Action legally depending in this Town = Court of Tryalls against John Smith of Warwicke Merchant, & Copartner with William ffield of this Town, as in the said Court = Roules more at large appeareth; whilest the said William Almy orderly attended for a tryall of the said Cause the 7th & 8th day of this instant, the said Court by Robert Williams | Town = Deputy, | was suddenly dissolved, & both the Court & the said Cause depending, so obscurely transferred or proroged, that unles this, or the like Law = making Court afford the said William Almy relief, by causing a faire & legall Record thereof to be entred in the said Court = Roules, & plainly shew, when, & how, the said Cause shall have its legall progres without any more transferrings or prorogins as aforesaid, the said William Almy shall not only be liable to loose all his charges, but also to suffer very great damage, & the said Town undergo much losse & disgrace: & the said William Almy be constrayned to make his redresse to the Law = making Court of the Colony by way of Complaint against the Town aforesaid, for want of Justice, wch the said William Almy is unwilling to do: & therfore intreateth, that yu would be pleased to relieve him as aforesaid

Moreover the said William Almy conceiveth, that the said Robert Williams Town = Deputy, is so allyed to the defendant John Smith abovesaid, & to the vindicating of the Cause, chiefly, for the satisfaction | & defence | of the said John Smith, by being his bayle, that | the said Will: Almy | questions whether he shall have a faire tryall or due progresse in the | said | Cause, whilest the said Robert Williams is one upon the bench deputed, & therfore the said William Almy doth both object against the said Robert Williams Town Deputy, as being unsutable for him to sit Judge in the said Cause, as also requesteth, that this assembly would depute another to supply his place on the Bench for the tryall & issuing of the said Cause

The 13th of the 10th 52. / per me Hugh Bewitt Aturnie in Case

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The arest	0	16
Tendance for baile	0	26
Ayd for the Sarieant	0	40
Cost of Court Jury & Sarie	1	20
3 witnesses from Warwik	1	20
two witnesses in towne	1	00

For | William | Almie

[073] Know all men whom it may concerne that I Christopher Almy Sonne of William Almy of Rhode Jland Planter doe owne my selfe to bee vnder the age of twenty one yeeres olde and that my sayd father is in all accoumpts my sole Guardion so that I and any goods that my sayd father is pleased to call mine is with mee at his disposinge as his Sonne and goods by reason of my Nonage wch in his venture to Newfoundland in the vessell called the Prouidence the Master named Ralph Parker the Merchants or vndertakers (vnder whose conduct my sayd ffather ventured mee as his factor and his goods marked with C A &c) are named John Smith & William ffieild The goods was as followeth two thousand weight of Tobaccho whereof the returne of fifteene hundred weight my ffather reserued to himselfe entire, and the returne of the other fiue hundred hee promised should be mine also one hogshead of fflower the which he reserued three parts to himselfe & counted two parts to be mine but his pease which was thirteene bushells he reserued wholly to himselfe so that all the relation that I count my selfe to haue to any goods marked as aforsayd returned from Newfoundland to the Towne of Prouidence in the forenamed vessell deteined in the hands of the foresayd vndertakers is in repect of my ffathers promise | or trust | thus made to mee in my Nonage & therefore I doe conceaue and owne it to bee my ffathers proper Right & place to commense any suite about any goods in difference and also to answer or make any end of any matters in difference in or about the voyage at his discretion by reasons as aforesayd.

Pruidence this 8th of December 1652

Witnes my hand Christopher Allmy

This relatyon aboue made by my sonn Christopher Almy I owne to be trew and can make farther proofe as neede shall require

By me William Almy

[074] Presented to the towne in behalfe of John Smith of warwick, that you would be plesed to take into your serious considderaon the cause now depending betwene William Alm|e of rod Jland | and Jhon Smith aboue said: wharby pershallyty may be preuented, the unlawfull charge of proseedings | not | ferder ogmented nor this toune put to ferder charg trobbull and vnconuenienc, and that the Just defenc of the said Jhon Smith may Apeare to all men he the said Jhon Smith do offer in the presenc of this Asimbully and desire this toune to order that thare may be an Audet to examin Acount betwene the said William Almee and Jhon Smith consaring the the fiue ankers of likers and on half wich he declares | for | and if the said Audet shall find the said Jhon Smith tharby indetted to | the | said William Allmee the said Jhon Smith is frely

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willing to pay all the lawfull charg of the said William Allmee consaring the said

cause depending monouer the said Jhon Smith du put in his demer for the next court | of | tryall William feild Aturne

A Demoirre grãted the Attarrney Abovesaid the 27th of the 11th. 52. /

[074 A.] presented vnto the Town of Providence by Robert Williams the Loyall Subjecte of the Common wealth of England, that according vnto his Engagmt, indeavours to vindicate the | said | Right honbl Authoritye in these parts doe heerby signifye vnto this Towne whome I honor, as a Towne (in subjection vnto the said Right honbl Common wealth) That the late Committye | at warwicke | hath declared disloyalltye vnto the Common wealth of England, Jn the said Committee declare, then dated the 24th of decemb 1652, Against the Letter of Credence Ordered and sent vnto or Agent Mr Roger Williams in England, supplycating their honors favours, & pleasures in these parts

Robert Williams deputie
of the Towne of Providence /

[075] desember the last 1652

bartheme weest sworen and exsanened tesefies as foleath: that as thay war Coming home from Newfoundland hafe a anker of likers was deliued to goodman Osborn by Christfor Anne ther was noe pries sett on it but taken in part of paiment 5 ankers and a hafe mor Willam fild stopt at his one howes: wer opon Christfor Anne and Jon grine demanded | then | on him: but Willam fild Refus it then thay oferd it to him as the prise went hear in the Contre but he would haue it as it went in newfoundland then thay proferd him anie paie hear at siluer pries as pork or beefe or wheett or wampom: | but he would not | then thay Charge Willam fild that the likre might be forth Coming when thay Came a gaine with ther father: this deponant tesefieth and furer saith not

taken by me Jon Sanford

(*Verso*)

Bartholomew Wests Testimony proves stoppage

Tuesday

Jo. Green testifyeth stoppage & profered pay for fraight

Peter Green testifyeth stoppage 5 anchre & a half

James Green testifyeth stoppage 5 ancre & ½ liquors /

Mr Almy askt afterwards Mr Smith why he stopt my liquors, & did not according to [ ] * bargaine wth mr Smith at mr Potters house, [ ] * bargain [ ] * Osborne

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Jo Green saith mr Almy did tender Peag at 8 ℔ penny about 9 or 10£ to Willa fild & mr Smith for fraight & pork [ ] * profered to bring from Warwicke to pay

Will Almy saith hagreed [ ] * mr Smith to carry his goods & to receve pay for [ ] * New = found Land., [ ] * desired [ ] * Lading to his [ ] * bargained [ ] *

James Green testifyeth / the bill o[ ] Layding [ ] * mr Smith [ ] Almyes Son 5 [ ] *

Smith desired [ ] * might be [ ] And [ ] * turning [ ] * [ ] Osborn told [ ] * mōne [ ] * [ ] mation [ ] * wethaut whither [ ]

Abundance of Loue remembred from abundance of Friends, to Yor deare selfe

Yor dearest

[076] At mr Davis his howse at ye Checker in St Martins or Sr Henry Vanes at Whitehall 8th 7. 52. (so Calld:

My deare & faythfull friend to whome with yor dearest I humbly wish more & more of ye Light & Loue of him who is Jnvisible God blessed for euermore in ye face of Jesus Christ

Jt hath pleased God Sr to ingage me in diuers Skirmishes agst ye Priests. both of Old & New England So yt I haue bene occationed (vsing the helpe of | printers | Men vnknowne. to me) to Long for my old Friend. Sr it hath pleased God to hould open an open dore of preaching & printing wonderfully agst Romish & English Will worships: At this present ye Devill rageth & Clamours in peticions & Remonstrances from ye Stationers & others to ye parliamt & all crie shut up the presse The Stationers & others haue put forth The Beacon fired: & The Second Beacon fired: & Some Friends of yours haue put forth The Beacon quenched not yet extant

Sr Many Friends haue frequently with much Loue inquired after you: Mr Warner is not yet come with my Letters: They put

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into Bastable: she Came by Wagon by land but he goes with ye ship to Bristoll: & indeede in this dangerous Warr with ye Dutch, ye only safe Trading is to Bristow or those parte, for vp along ye Chanell in London Way is ye greatest danger for although or Fleets be abroad, & take many French & Dutch yet they sometimes Catch vp some of ours:

Sr by my publike Letters you will see how We Wrastle & how we are

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My Loue to yor Cozen Clements & all o^{r} Lo: especially o^{r} godly Friends.

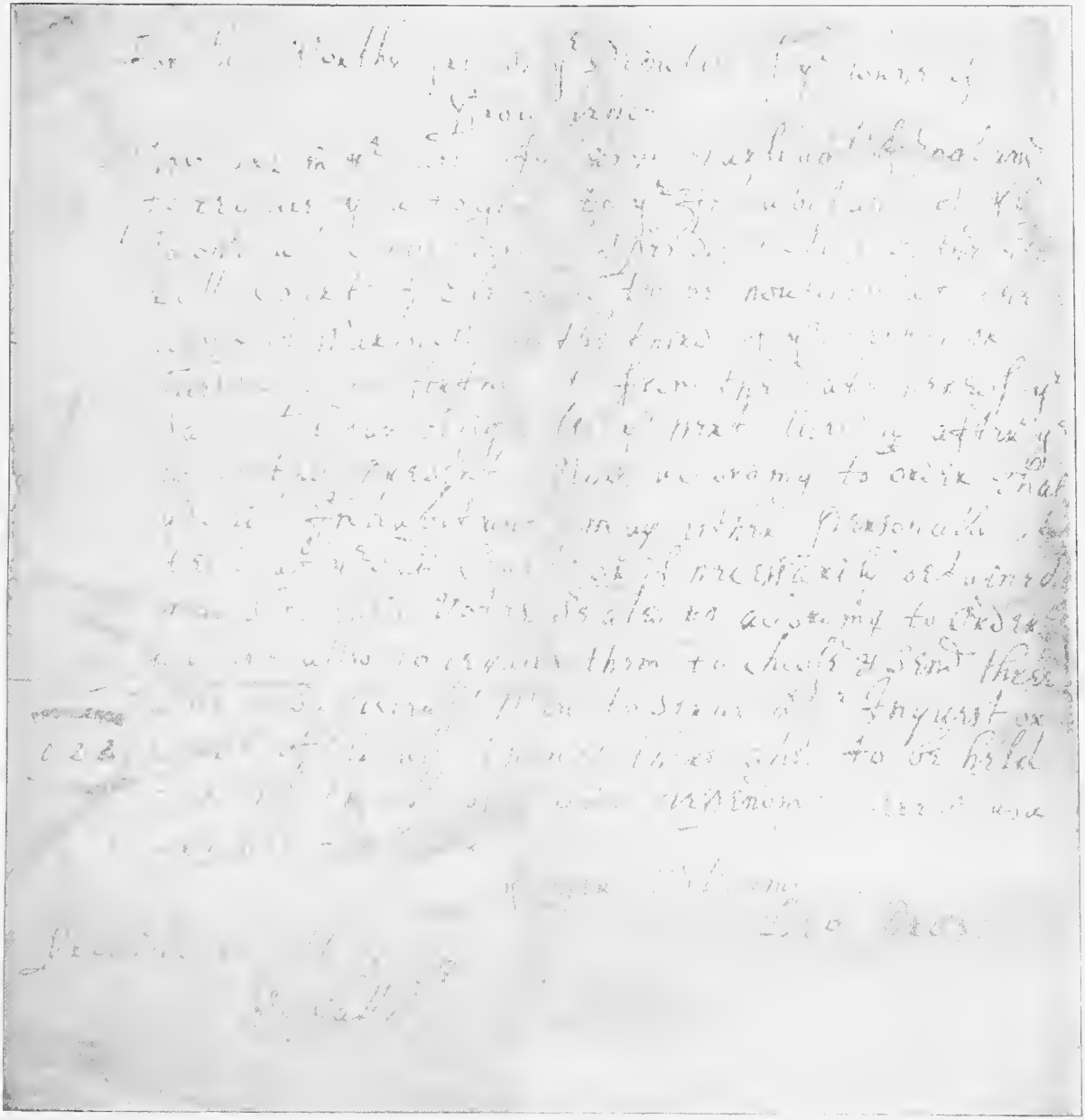
like yet to Wrastle, in ye hopes of an End praised be ye Lord We are preserved ye Nation is preserved: the parliam^{t} sets: Gods people are secure (too secure) A great opinion is y^{t} ye Kingdome of Christ is risen & (Revel. 11) The Kingdomes of ye Earth are become ye Kingdomes of o^{r} Lord & of his Christ: Others haue Feare of ye slaughter of the Witnesses yet aproaching: Diuers Friends of all Sorts here long to see You & wonder You Come not ouer For my selfe I had hopes to haue got away by this ship but I see now the mind of ye Lord to hould me here, one Yeare Longer: Jt is Gods mercy, his very great mercy y^{t} We haue obtained this Jnterim Jncor

(*Recto*)

ragem^{t} from ye Councell of state, y^{t} you may chearefully goe on in ye name of a Colonie vntill ye Controuersie be determined: The Determinacion of it, s^{r} / I feare will be a worck of Time, I feare Longer then we haue Yet bene here: for o^{r} Adversaries threaten to make their Last Appeales to ye parliam^{t} in case we get ye Day before ye Councell: S^{r} in this regard & when my publike Busines is ouer: I am resolved to begin my old Law Suite, so y^{t} I haue no Thoughts of Returne vntill Spring Come twelue month: My Dutie & Affection hath Compelled me t[ ]quaint my poore Companion with it: I Consider o^{r} many Children, ye danger of ye Seas & enemies & therefore I write not posituely for her Only I acquaint her with o^{r} Affaires, I tell her how joyfull I should be of her being here with me vntill our Affaires were ended, & I freely leaue her to wait vpon ye Lord for Direction, & according as she finds her Spirit free & Chearfull, So to Come or stay: S^{r} if it please ye Lord to giue her a free Spirit to cast her Selfe vpon the Lord I doubt not of yor Lo: & faythfull C[ ]e in any thing she hath occation to vse yor helpe Concerning o^{r} Cheldren & Affaires during o^{r} Absence: but I Conclude, Whome I haue in Heaven, or Earth but Thee, & so humbly & thanckfully joy in y^{e} Lords pleasure as only & infinitly best & sweetest

(*Verso*)

For my deare & faythfull friend Mr Gregory Dexter at Providence in New England. these



ROGER WILLIAMS' LETTERS.

Providence Town Papers, 623.

[077] Acc[ ] f Hugh Bewitts [ ] hipe fr[ ]m [ ] m[ ] to June Anno 1652

Receipts

		£	s.	d
	℘ the Rate amounting to	56.	05.	00.
Recd	℘ Thomas Roberts	01.	10.	00
Recd	℘ Christopher Smith	01 –	10.	00
Recd	℘ Roger Morye	01.	10.	00
Recd	℘ Henry Browne	01.	10.	00
Recd	℘ Thomas Olnye Junior	01.	10.	00
Recd	℘ Thomas Clements	00.	10.	00
	℘ Benjamen Hernden	00.	04.	00
	℘ John Clawson	00.	04.	00
Recd	℘ Edward Enman	00 –	04.	00
Recd	℘ Richard Praye	00 –	04.	00
	℘ John Smithe md	00.	04.	00
	℘ Henry Redecke	00.	04.	00
	℘ Goodman Willkinson	00.	04.	00
	℘ daniell Comstocke	00.	04.	00
Recd	℘ Samuell Bennet	00.	04.	00
	℘ Edward Smith	00.	04.	00
	℘ John Fenor	00.	04.	00
	℘ Recd of Thomas Harris	07.	02.	00
	℘ John Jones	00.	10.	00
	–	74.	01.	00.

Payments :

	£	s	d
℘ old Accs. dew before the Rate was made about Nanhiggine and Wesoewotupp	05.	00.	00
℘ more to Owcapocamine the Sachem of Cowessitte for his and all Jndians righte of Lands at Newteconcanitt	01.	05.	00.

Layd out since the Rate was made.

℘ pd. to mr Roger Williams	18.	00.	00.
℘ more to his wife since he went to England	05.	00.	00.
℘ Comissinors for the Generall Courte at Newport in Maye Anno	09.	00.	00
℘ our Townes part for Sergeant, and drume, and Charge to looke after shipwracke ℘ Generals	00 –	12.	00.
℘ Phillipe Sherman for Copies of Lawes	00 –	15.	00
℘ Three Comissinors sent to Portsmouth	01 –	10.	00.

	£	s	d
℘ my Goinge to the Jsland then	00	– 05.	00.
℘ my Goinge to Prepare the Court	01	– 10.	00.
℘ my Goinge to Warwicke before I went first to the Jsland	00.	05.	00.
℘ Comissinors at Portsmouth in October	09.	00.	00
℘ m^r Dyer for Copies of Lawes	00.	02	– 06.
℘ m^r Dexter for writtinge to Massachusetts and to the Jsland	00.	02.	06.
℘ Comissinors at Providence	02.	14	– 00.
[ ] Copies of Lawes	00.	05.	00
[ ] goeing to the Jsland	00.	05.	00
[ ]n for keepinge Jndians	00.	10.	00
[ ] Marshall of Massachu = [ ]ommittie and other	01.	[ ]3.	00

[**078**] To to the tow̆ne meiting now̆ in beeing the 28 day of of Jeneuerj 1653 it | is | the disire of Biniobin Herinden Junior and som others that the line betwixt edward ingman senior and the town may be run | as concerning the Meadowes | that in soe doeing the towns Common may not be damnified for the want of the runing therof

his
Biniobin X Herindin
mark

[**079**] To Hugh Bewet Generall Serjeant, /

These are to require you Hugh Bewet (Jn the name of the Comon = wealth of England) to giue notice to some of the Town = Magistrates of Providence & Warwicke, to that end, that the said respective Magistrates may acquaint their severall Townes that they are forthwith to choose six able and judicious men for Comissioners, to make up a Gen^ll: Assembly to be held at Providence the 3^d of the 4th m. next after the date hereof, to advice & Order for the peace of the Colony in Generall, & in speciall touching a Comission wch we heare is g|iven| forth (in the name & by the authority of Providence Plantations) unto Captain Underhil & m^r Dyer, to make war upon the Dutch &c. hereof you are not to fayle,

Given under o^r hands Gre: Dexter Presi^nt

Providence the 26th of the 3^d 53. /

Jo^n Sayles
Stukly westkot, Generall Assis|tnt|

(*Verso*)

A Copy of a Warrant. &c. /

[080] Louinge Neighbours of Prouidence.

Whereas wee heare that Hugh Bewit hath lately reported in this Towne of Warwicke, that the Commissioners which haue lately sate at Prouidence, affirmed their sittinge there, was by the Joynt consent of the Jnhabitants of this Towne, the truth is, that those men were chosen as Commissioners, to attend the Generall Court then to be held in this Collony, which was then conceaued to be at Newport, because wee heard that Portsmouth had concluded to repaire to that place for Election of Officers &c: Wherupon this Towne gaue certeine instructions to the abouesayd Commissioners, wherof one was this [ ]hat they should not act in any publicke matter, but with the M[ ]ior part of the fower Townes of this Collony, viz., Prouidence, Portsmouth, Newport, & Warwicke, After which things concluded vpon formerly by the whole Towne (few persons beinge absent) and we hearinge nothinge to contradict, but rather to call them to newport, the deputies of this Towne called a Towne meetinge to collect votes in an orderly and legall way, of such as could not appeare on ye Jland for choice of Officers, & the Towne beinge met togeather, John Greene Junior in the first place, made a proposition, that the Jnstructions might be taken of, formerly giuen to the abouesayd Commissioners, especially that which prohibited them to act but wth the Maior part of the fower Townes; the Deputy beinge moderator answered, those things were resolued before, and the businesse now was to gather votes to accomplish accordinge to order the end of the generall Assembly; but the abouesayd John Greene vrged the abouesayd proposition & would not permit any thinge to be done, vnlesse y^t were voated, wherupon the deputy denyinge to put it to vote, beinge few of ye Towne were but then Assembled, in comparison of them that were present at the Jnstructions giuen, did withdraw, with diuers others, & so dissolued the Assembly, and after that ye Commissioners themselues, wth some few persons more, stayed as it seemes, & what conclusions they made amongst themselues we are ignorant of, nor can wee owne what they haue done contrary to Jnstructions giuen vnto them: But findinge our selues disturbed in our place where we liue, by a writinge presented by Hugh Bewit to John Greene Junior from Mr Gregory Dexter of Prouidence, we can doe no lesse then to make the matter knowne to the President of this Collony Mr John Sanford, and the rest of his Assistants, to see what legall and speedy course may be thought of, to stop such illegall courses, and prevent future euills that might ensue.

Warwicke the 27th of May 1653.

Randall Howldon	Peeter Greene.	Richard hawkcut
John Greene seni^r	Richard Carder	John X Lippat se :
Samuell Gorton	Robart Potter	John X More.
John Smyth	James Greene	
John Wickes		

(*Verso*)

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m Red.			
Jo. Sauls	9		
Ar ffen	11		
G Dex	8		
H. Bew	7		
N Pow.			

special touching a Comission wch is granted

To the Towne Deputies of Prouidence Mr Robert Williams & Mr Thomas Harris for the Towne of Prouidence from Warwick 1653.

[081] To ye Deputie for ye towne of prouidence By vertue of a wárrent Receiued from mr Nicho: Easton by ye presedents order, These are to Require you in ye náme of ye keepers of ye liberties of England. by authoritie of parlement. to prouide for ye Generall asemblie & ye Court of tryálls (wch is adjourned till ye i2th of this present month & to be held at Portsmouth) accordinge as ye law in yt Cáse prouides hereof you are not to faile

Richard Knight
gnarall Sargent

Newport June ye ferst i653.

[082] Providence the first sencoed day of the 7th month 1653

Neighbors.

Having a hint that you are assembled togeather, we are ready to giue you a peaceable disputation, Concerning these two perticulars first the illegallitye of yor Transactions, Secondly the inhumanitye of your oppressing Rate, desiring, immediatly to know yor Minds by the Bearer heereof

Subscribed by: Robert Williams
in behalfe of the rest. /

(*Verso*)

To our Neighbors assembled in James Ashtons: House. /

To mr Rob. wiliams these

Providence the 5th of Sept: 1653:

Mr Robert Williams we haue receaved a motion to dispute wth the neighbors assembled aboute ꝑticulers &c: this is therfore to Certifie you and the rest that

at this time we cannot attend such a disputation becaus we are assembled by the toune deputed to try the Case of William ffoxere for his breach of peace and when we haue ꝑpared our trust therin you shall hear further from us

Arthur ffenēr Town = deputie

[083] in the name & by the authoritie of the Comonwealth of Jngland

These are to require you William ffoxerie Seaman to make your | ꝑsonall | appearance at the next Court of Tryalls held at Providence on Monday next being the 5th of September i653 to Answer|e| this Towne in the matter of breach of peace in the abuse of Hugh Stone in this Corporation whereoff you are not to faile of your perill to vndergoe the Courts Censure givin: vnder or hands the 30th of August i653

[084] Jn the name and by the authoritie of the Comonwealth of Jngland this is to present William ffoxere for breach of | the | Peace of this Toune it being a Corporation Authorized by the authoritie aboue specified The matter of breech of the peace and hazard of the State is the said William ffoxere assaulting and beating Hugh Stone in the Comon Hieway the 12th off August i653

By me Henrie Reddocke Atturney
Authorized by the Toune

[ ] you please to speake to Mr Sayles [ ] set his hand to the Warrant

[085] Sir I would Jntreat you to see these thinges inclosed deliuered with speed I sent them inclosed in your letter that you might see them the sooner, I suppose the fowre men wilbee with you to day, our Commissioners will attend beinge already warned, thus in hast

Your friend John Greene Jur

Dated in Warwicke this 25th of August 1653

I haue sent you a coppie of their order least the weather and wind should hinder them to come vp to you this day /

(*Verso*)

ffor Mr [ ]
Dexter a[ ]
these [ ]

[086] Louing, and Christian Freinds

I could not refuse this bearer | Mr Roger Williams | my kinde freind and ancient acquaintance, to bee accempanied wth these few lines from my self to you, vpon his returne to Prouidence Colony: though perhaps my priuate and retired condition wch the lord in mercy hath brought mee into, might | haue | argued strongly enough for my silence; but indeed something I hold my self

bound to say to you, out of the Christian loue I beare you and for his sake whose name is calld vpon by you and Engage[ ] on your behalf. How is | it? | , that there are such deuesiens amongst you, such headinesses tumults disorders | Jnjustice | , the noyse wh[ ]f Ecchoes into the Eares of all as well friend as Ennemys by Euery returne of ships from those parts is not the Feare and Awe of God amongst you to restraine? is not the loue | of | Christ in you to fill you wth Earning bowells one toward anothr and Constraine you not to liue to your selues but vnto him that Died for you yea and is risen againe? Are there noe Wise men amongst you, noe publike self denying Spirits that att least vpon *grounds of Common Safety Equity and Prudence can finde out some Way or Meanes of Vnion ad reconceluetion for you amongst your selues, before you become a Prey to Common Ennemys, especally since this State by the last letter from the Councell of State gaue you | the | Freedome; as supposing | A | better vse would haue beene made of it then there hath beene: surely when kindly | ad propper | remedys are applyed and are | Jneffectuall | *

(*Verso*)

it speakes lowd and broadly the high and dangerous distempers of such a Body, as if the Wounds Were Jncurable: but I hope for better things from you though I thus speake; and | should bee | apt to thinke, that by Commis^rs^ agreed on and appointed on all parts, and on behalf of all Jnterests, in a generall meeting; such a Vnion Common satisfaction might: arise, as through Gods blessing mig[ ] putt a Stop to your growing breaches ad Distractions silence your Ennemys Encourage your friends honor the Name of God wch of late hath beene much blasphemed by reason of you and in particular Men refresh and reuiue the sad heart of Him, that mournes ouer your present euills as being

Your very [ ]ffectionat friend
to serue yo[ ] in the Lord
H: Vane[1]

Belleau: the 8th of Feb^ry^: 1653 / 54

[087] Loving & Christian friends

I Could not refuse this bearer Mr Roger Williams, (my kind friend & ancient Acquaintance) to be accompanied with these few lines from my selfe to You vpon his returne to Prouidence Colony, though perhaps my private & retired Condition, wch ye Lord in mercy hath brought me into, might haue argued strongly enough for my silence! But jndeede something I hould my selfe bound to say to You, out of ye Christian Loue I beare you, & for his sake whose name is calld vpon by you, & engaged on yor behalfe

* The words between stars are written on the margin of the paper.
[1] This letter is the original in the handwriting of Sir Henry Vane.

How is it y^{t} there are Such Divisions amongst You, Such Headinesses, Disorders, Tumouts, Jniustice ye noyse whereof Ecchoes into ye Eares of all, as Well Friends as Enemies by euery returne of ships from those parts?

Js not ye Fear & Awe of God amongst you to restraine? js not ye Loue of Christ in you to fill you with yearning Bowells one towards another, & Constraine You not to liue to Yo^{r} selues, but vnto him y^{t} dyed for You yea & is risen againe? Are there no wise men amongst you, no publike selfe denying spirits, y^{t} at least vpon grounds of Common safety, Equitie & prudence can find out some way or meanes of Vnion & Reconcilem^{t} for You amongst Yo^{r} selues, before You become a pray to Common Enemies, especially since this state, by the Last Letter from ye Councell of State gaue you ye freedome, as Supposing y^{t} better vse would haue bene made of it then there hath bene?

Surely when kindly & proper Remedies are applied & are ineffectuall, it Speakes lowd & broadly ye high & dangerous distempers of such a Body, as if ye Wounds were incurable.

(*Verso*)

But I hope for better things from you though I thus speake & should be apt to thinck y^{t} by Commisti^{rs} agreed on & appointed on all parts & on behalfe of all Jnterests in a generall meeting such a Vnion & Common Satisfaction might arise as through Gods blessing might put a stop to yor growing Breaches & Distractions, silence yor Enemies, Encourage Yo^{r} friends, honour ye name of God wch of late hath bene much blaspheamed by reason of you, & in particular refresh & revive ye Sad heart of him y^{t} mourns ouer Yo^{r} present Evills as being

Yo^{r} very affectionate freind to
serue you in ye Lord
Henry Vane [2]

Belleau ye 8th of
Feb. 1653/54.

(*Verso*)

For ye Magistrates & Howse holders of Prouidence Portsmouth, Newport & Warwick or either of them & of any other Townes & Villages in Prouidence Colony these in New England

[088] The Testimony of Samuell Bennett taken 30th of August 1653

That he see William ffoxrie vpon the i2 of this instant haue Hugh Stone dovn and a sticke in his hand and struke it right dovn vpon him

Taken befor us
Henry Reddocke } Tovne Deputees
Arthur Fenner

[2] This letter is a copy of the original of Sir Henry Vane (see No. 086) written by the hand of Roger Williams.

These ar to wil & require you in the name & by the authorit[ ] of the Comonwealth of Jngland to bring the ꝑson of William ffoxerie seaman before me Arthur ffenner or any other consectator of the peace to Answer vnto Such complaints as are agst him and this shalbe your warrant givin vnder my hand the 24th of August i653

To John Brovne Constable of the Tovne of Providence — Arthur ffenner Toune Deputie

(*Verso*)

The 8th of the 9th m. 54

Mr Roger Williams moderatour.

that whereas Hugh Bewet Complayned against John Selden for falling on him in the night, hath presented himselfe to give satisfaction to the Town for the said fact, upon his reall submission & acknowledgement | Hugh Bewet & the Town declared | Jt is this day that the Town is | also | fully satisfyed.

Mr Roger Williams is Chosen | Comissioner | in the room of Henry Browne

Ordered that those farmes that are one mile off the Town alone shall have liberty to leave one man at home on the Trayning dayes

Ordered that the livettenant Thomas Harris Corporall Hopkins, [ ] Corp[ ]all Ashton together wth mr Sayles Clarke; & [ ] | brown, & Arthur ffener | shall have power to order the matter touching | taking the | ffines of the souldiars, wch are listed in the Clarks hands in case of their absenting frō the trayning

[089] providence 1654 th 12 month so Called

the request of gorg Waye to this present towne meetin that thay wold bee plesed to grant mee a Comadation to bee a inhabytant with you if you ples not so to doe then that you wold giue mee lef to by for my mony granted

[090] Providence 2. 6. 55 (so calld,

This testifieth yt Wm Barrowes of Providence hath sold vnto Thomas Arnold of Prouidence aforesaid, his whole parcell of Meadow (of quantitie more or less) & six acres of vpland lying togeather | at Newbridge | vpon these tearmes following viz yt [ ]homas Arnold shall pay Yearly vnto ye said [ ]illiam Barrowes, so long as ye said Wm Barrowes shall liue (liue he longer, or die sooner at ye good pleasure of God) ye full summe of fortie shillings in manner & forme following: First thirteene shillings & fowre pence in Labour of ploughing or Carting or some of both: 2ndly ye said summe of 13s 4d in English Corne Wheat or Rye, or some of bot[ ] as ye price shall be Currant at Prouide[ ]e after harvest: & ye said summe of 13s 4d in swines flesh, at killing time before Winter

Jn witnes whereof they haue interch[ ]ea|bly| set their hands, | & seales | binding alls[ ]r heires, [ ] | Exe[ ] | strators & Assignes vnto ye ꝑformance hereof in ye Presence of — Thomas Arnold

Roger Williams

[091] to ye Serieant or his Deputie of Providence

These are in his highnes name to authorize & require you to serue an execution upon ye goods or Cattell of Sam: Cumbstock of Providence to ye vallue of twentie | foure | shillings & eight pence wch is for a bill of Charg|e,| upon a sentence & verdict of Court in behalfe of Bartholmew Hunt against ye s^d Cumbstocke you are to warne two Neighbors to prise the sayd goods or Cattell & (after some convenient time given him | to redeeme them,) | to make sale of them & to returne ye over plus unto him: you are allso to add to ye bill of Charges two shill: six pence due by Law unto your selfe for serueing ye execution & for so doeing this shall be your discharge this present 6th of August (55) at Providence. /

ye m^rke
of Richard X Waterman
Thomas Harris towne depeutis

[092] The 7th of ye 3rd Mon: Calld Ma[ ] 1656 so calld)

At: a Court of ye 3 Men Chosen by ye Towne to end small differences ther[ ] appeard before Tho: Olny, | Tho: Harris & | Roger William[ ]

Samuell Bennet plaintiff & Henry Fowler defend^t

Wm Barrowes Plaintiff & Henry Fowler defend^t

Wm Barrowes Complaind y^t Mr Foote & Mr Fowler had receaved sixteene shil-[ ]ings more then was due to him vpon accou[ ]

Henry Fowler desired time to haue ye booke now at Boston examined & desired time vnti[ ] ye end of ye next 4th month, & promiseth [ ] repay the 16^s vnles by ye booke jt [ ]

[093] for denominatio for Constable Tho: Angell[5] Lawrence Wilkinson[2] Will Wickenden[6] Tho: Roberts[3] Pardon Tillinghurst[2] Jo^n Browne[1] Rob: Colwell[1] Will: Haukins[1] Jo^n Joanes[2]

June 19th 1656

[094] To my Loveing Neighbors of the towne of Providence, the Testimony & request of Richard Bullock Jnhabitant of the Towne of Rehoboth

Loveing Neighbors this is my Testimony vnto yo & vnto all men whom it may Concerne That vpon the first day of September i655 I Lawfully bought of Adonijah Morris That is to say thirteenescóre Ackers of Land, Sixscóre ackers Lyeing against Patúcket River, & a threescóre Acker Lott, Lyeing neare vnto Goodman Slowes, wch formerly was Adam Goodwins, And a fourscóre Acker Lott Lyeing vpon Aspotucket river wch formerly was John fields all wch foresaid Land was the proper right of Robert Morris deceased, And by virtue of Administratorship taken from this towne of providen came Lawfully in to the hands of Adonijah Morris his Brother; Now all the foresaid Land, I the said Richard Bullock

did vpon the i2th: day of Aprill i656, Lawfully sell vnto Henry ffowler, Jnhabitant of this towne of Providence wthout respect vnto any Copartner wth him therin, the said Henry ffowler ordering & payeing me honestly full satisfaction for all the foresaid Lands; Therfore now vnderstanding That it is the order of this towne, for the recording of the Sayle of Lands, My Request is according |vn|to this Towne order, That yo would be pleased Orderly to record my said Lawfull Sayle of all the foresaid Lands, vnto the said Henry ffowler wherby he may Lawfully Posses That wch he Lawfully bought & honestly payd me for my selfe now being prsent to Answer all exceptions vnto the Contrary

Prov[ ] i5th of August Richard Bullóck

[095] This 26: of th 10; moth: 56:

To the townes Prouidence Porchmouth Newporte & warwicke all Honnerable Respect:

Jt is too too well knowne, what reproaches hath beene Cast vpon mee & vniustly, nevertheless, I would not haue troubled your selues, could I haue but attained this, that the precedent would but haue granted, that my aduersari|es| and I might haue appeared face to face, at your Court in March next; which is my desier, because that w|i|thin the prsinckes of your Jurisdiction hath my reproaches beene raised; & ther|e|foer am willing, there to appear to Clear my innocéti; & allthough I haue giuen in bond to the prcedent for to appeare at your generall Court in may next, which hee is not for prsent free to reverse it to your Court in march; as he saith with respecte vnto the mathetusets gouernment; but I beeing noe inhabitant at Patuxit for prsent, yea although I were, it being my desier & volantary teander, to clear my selfe & name where it is moust stained, which is in your Colleny; I suppose that without any Just offence to the mathtusets it may bee granted mee; Especially if you wilbe pleased to Consider thes my re|a|sones.

first because it will otherwise hinder mee of my springe tyme (as it hath hindred mee this winter frō the place of my resedence) which wibe great dammage, for hee that soweth not at springe cannot reape a haruest.

secondly I would with all speede vindicate mine owne innocētÿ & stope the mouthes of my reproache|r|s.

thirdly because then any that are indeede early dilligent in Justice may the sooner satisfie there desiere.

forthly because all that are honestly affected as should not soe would not one set purpose delay mee.

fiftly because your selues whoe if were vniustly reproached, would thinke Justice would grante your innoce|n|tÿ, an early anser. houping that this my resonable request, wilbe granted, & my accuseres & I Called to anser at your Court the next march; there & then to appeare Innocent Richard Chasmoer,

(*Verso*)

ffor the Towne of Providence

[096] George Way | age[ ] | about 42 yeares being engadged testefieth y[t] he rec of Hen: ffowlar for and on the account of Tho: Pierson one Coate one Cloake & six howes being prized at in all the summ of fiuetie & two shillings & more he sayth not

taken this first of | Decem: | 1656
Before me Arthur Fenner
Towne Deputi

[097] [ ]665

[ ]illiam arnold
[ ]lliam Carpenter
[ ]ill harris
Roger williams
Robert williams
[ ]oger morry
[ ]obert west
Richard waterman
gregory dexter
John Throgmorton
John browne
Thomas harris
Tho angell
Thomas ollny
Thomas olny Ju
Samuel benett
necolas power
william Borrowes
henry Redicke
John feild

at a Court held at newport may the 2 1666

John whippell Seni:
John whippell Ju:
Thomas feild
william vinson
Resoulfed waterman
Ephraim Carpenter
Joseph williams
andrew harris
Tolleration harris

at a Court may the 4 1669

Samuel whippell
Eliezar whippell
and James olnye
william feild
John Sailes
James aston
william hakens
Tho Roberts
Tho Suckline
henry browne
arter ffenner
will wigington
Thomas walwin
Edword Jnman
John Jones
Christopher Smith
Thomas hoppkins
Edword manton
Richard Scott
hugh buett
Josuah winsor
Tho Clemants
mathew waller
nathanell dickens
Tho Slowe

at warwicke may the 18 1658

will whitt
Benjaaman herndell
John Smith
Larance wilkeson
henry neales
Thomas arnold
Robert pycke
maturian balow
will fenner
Edword Smith
Edword Jnman
Steven northope
John browne
Robert Collwell
vallenton whittman
pardon Tillenhast
John Smith miller
georg way
Shedracke manton
Epenetas olnye
henry browne
henry fowler
Tho harris Jūni
Thom Suckling
John fenner
georg Shepard
Zachay Rods
Steven arnold

(*Verso*)

A list of the ffreemen names and a Coppie of the Generall Assembly acte made a Touching ffremen /

[098] Providence 17. 8. 58 (so calld)

Whereas Wm Barrowes (by Agreem^{t}) was to pay eight pound at his death to Henry Redoake. Jt is now agree|d| y^{t} | Wm Barrowes | shall deliuer a bill vnder his hand | within a month after this date | to George Palmer to deliuer ꝑ^{r} his two Cowes vnto Hen: Redoake: | for ye debt aforesaid & | the said H: Redoake shall pay the said Wm Barrowes fiueteene shillings yearely in butter & cheese at ye Common price so Long as the Said Wm Barrowes shall liue.

Allso Wm Barrowes bequeatheth vnto John Son to y^{n} sajd Henry Redoake his three Score Acres of Land & Meadow at Notaconckanet: & all his Moveables & debts, at his death vnto Elizabeth ye daughter of ye Said Henry Redoake, And the Said Henry Redoake hereby engageth himselfe his Heires &c to provide Conveniently for ye buriall of the said Wm Barrowes

Jn witnes hereof both parties haue interchangeably Set thejr hands.

Jn the presence of vs

Roger Williams

James X Ripper
his m^{r}ke

W^{m} X Barrowes
his m^{rke}

Henry Reddocke

[099] At providence, this 27. day of August i645

Be it Knowne unto All men by these p^{r}sentes that I osomequen, the cheife Sachem of pokanocuk, for & in Consideration of the Sum of Eighteene Shillinges which at this p^{r}sant I haue received in Red Cloath at the hand of william Arnold of pautuxett: doe Demise, graunt, make & passe over unto the Said william Arnold all that my proper Right, title or intrest that doe belong, or any wise ap ꝑ taine unto me, in all that land which Lieth on the west Side of the great Salt River which floweth up to providence between the boundes of the Land that was once in the tenure, use or ocupation of Soconanoco on the South Side of the same, and the Salt River on the East part and the north Side of the great Coave which cometh in on the north side of that neck of Land called Saxefraxe, and from thence unto the north side of the pond called massapague, and so within these boundes westwards all and Generall. All which Said | Lands | with Thappurtenances thereto belonging is now in the handes use or occupation of the said william Arnold, to have and to hold the said Land with Thap ꝑ tenances to him his heirs & Assignes for Ever, And that it Shall, and may be lawfull to and for the said william Arnold his heirs And Assignes pecably and quietly to posesse & injoy the beforesaid Demised p^{r}mises and Every ꝑ te and percell thereof without the Lawfull lett Trouble or deniall of or by me the Said Osomequen mine heirs or Assignes but that the Said william Arnold his heirs and Assignes Shall for Ever quietly use and Enjoy the said Landes with Thap ꝑ tenances as his, or theire owne proper and Rightfull inhiritance: And for the true performance of the Covenantes abovesaid, I bind me,

mine heirs and Assignes firmely by these ꝑsentes: In witnesse whereof I here unto Sett my hand Even the day and yeare first above written

Signed & delivered the marke
in the pʳsence of viz of X Osomequen
Benedict Arnold Sunck Suit his
marke X otherwise
Called Tom of wachamoqt

A True Copie Copied the 2i day of | September | i663: ꝑ me Tho: Olney Junʳ: Clarke of the Towne of providence

(*Verso*)

John Greene Deede To Will: Carpenter. / & Ossemekons Deed to william Arnold. /

(*Verso*)

Know all men by these pʳsentes that I John Greene Junʳ: inhabetant of the Towne of warwick in the Collonie of providence plantations, have Sold unto william Carpenter of patuxett in providence in the Said Colloney, all my Right in the Litle neck of Land lieing below patuxett ffalles, as also all my Right in that place comonly called the Vineyard, As also my Right of Land as yet undevided from pauchasett River Eastward downe to the Sea, together with all the privelidges of water or any other apꝑtenances in the said Right Conteined: / I say I the aforsaid John Greene have sold all my Right in the Said Landes unto william Carpenter abovesaid, for full Satisffaction in hand received / And doe by these pʳsentes firmely passe it over from me, my heirs, Exsecutors AdminiStrators, Vnto the the Said william Carpenter his heirs Exsecutors AdminiStrators for Ever, peacably to Enjoy without molestation from me, or any by mee in witnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this 20th of November Anno i658

Signed, Sealed & delivered John Greene junʳ L S
in the presence of us
Ezekiell Holliman
Christophar his marke X Vnthanke

A True Copie Copied, the 2i day of September i663 ꝑ me Tho: Olney junʳ Clarke of the Towne of providence

[0100] Beniamin Hernden you doe acknowledg yoʳ selfe to be indebted to the state of England 10£.

The Condition is that | if | you shall apeare at our next Court held for this Towne of Prouidenc, which wilbe on the first second day of march next, to answer the breach of peace and fright, Comitted on the family of william white, of this

Towne, and in the meane while to be of yor good behauiour: then this Bond shalbe void and of no efect, othewise to stand in full force and vertue.

Prouidenc Taken by me Thomas Olney
this 17 of dep|u|tye
february 1659:

william white, you doe acknowledg yor selfe to be indebted vnto the state of England 10$^{£}$.

The Condition is, if you apeare at the next Towne Court held for Prouidenc which wilbe on the first second day of march next to prosecute Beniamin Hernden for breach of peace and fright Comited on yor family. then this Bond shalbe void and of no efect: otherwise it shall stand in full force and vertue against you.

Providenc Taken by me Thomas Olney
this 17 of february deputy
1659

[0101] Pro The 27d of ye 2 M 1659

To ye Towne Mett, That, ye may know, we shew, firste, what we haue Joyntly And Justly done, Jn Runing, A line; betw[ ] Providence: And, Pawtuxcette, which, we are Redy Joyntly, to Ratefy, by signatione Vnder our hands: & seales, Namly, we haue fixed or sett, A marke stone, Neer ye spring, at Saxafraig Coue, According to ye prescription of ye place, Jn ye Comebynatione, This we say we are Redey to Rattefy; & stand to our, hands Jn ye Combynatione.

But Jf our Neighbours, objecte, & say ye place where ye stone stands, is not ye Righte place. Then we Answer, we are Ready to Choose An Vmpeor to sett it,

The second bounde marke Js, An oake at Mashapauge, with 4 marks, And which, That is, we are Redy to Choose An Vmpeor to deside Allsoe

And allsoe desire we may Choose An Vmpeor To Goe with vs, That may be Ready, to end, any defference y^{t} may arise, & soe, we need not mak[ ] any longe stop, in any defference, for, Every man being Juste in his owne case (as he thinks) will not we perceue be broughte to thinke vnjustly, of self, yet, notwithstanding, cannot Reasonablely Refuse to choose, A man, y^{t} may make boeth our Cases, his, & Then he cannot Judg amis (noe more, Then his case, doeth take place, but Jf he mistake, yet we will not take it amis, but yeeld to it,

Allsoe we desire, That ye Combynation being in your hands, That you would send it with,

(*Verso*)

Such as you send, to Measure with vs, y^{t}, bejng our Rule, That we may not mistake for wante Therof, (As we had like to haue done, Jn following A reporte, y^{t} ye tree should be, vpone Record, by ye name of a white Oake, which vpone search, we found not, soe, but only, An Oake, with 4 marks &c, And, such An Oake, we haue found, a Large Growne Oake

Jf any object & say they will haue a white oake to be ye tree, which hath 5 markes one it, we Answer we are Redy to Refer it as aboue sayd, wheather, y^{t} with 5, or y^{t} with 4, marks

Allsoe this we desire, as aforesayd when we mette, That all our acts may be Compleated vnder, our hands, for, that stands, Acording to y^{t} Law, which thus saith

Be it Enacted, &c Moe lands, &c shall pas Allt[ ] or Chaing &c exsept ye same &c be made by writeing, Jndented &c

Therefore, y^{t} all our acts, may be Authentike youres & oures, To Each, we ar Redy to ye Traditione, Abouesayd, as That law doeth, mor|e| fully exspres

William feild
William Arnold
William Harris

[0102] much Respected gentellmen the ffreemen of the towne of providence my Respectes presented to you I Cannote forgyt the former frendshepe that hath benn betwexte vs when I was your nighbore liuinge at Seconcke and in troble theare which Caused me to haue thoughts of Remoueinge and I had Recorse vnto you for acommodatio and Respecttiuely I was of you With one Consente Reseved and acommodated at my Requeste and desier my lote for and howse lote was layd out the seconde in the Rooe that lyes at the hedd of John brownes some labore I bestoed about it in fallenge tember for fensinge and buildinge as m^{r} dextere Can testefie who helpe me in the worcke and so left it what is myne I haue betrosted my frende Thomas olnye to locke after in my behalfe hopinge you will not denie me what is my due and so shall I at present Rest waytinge for what I shall heare as your answer to me your frende in what serves of loue I may

nuport one Roade Jland — Joseph Torrey
aprell 20th — 1659

(*Verso*)

To the ffreemene of the towne of provedence giue thes with troste

[0103] To the Court held at Prouidence this 27, of Aprill 1659.

These are to signifie vnto you that when the Towne granted 60, Acres of vpland and 3. Acres of meadow to eu^{r}y man to bee Apropriated then I made theireof an Acre and halfe of meadow lying on the Riuer y^{t} Runeth out at the southwest end of mashapague pond the wch is now conceiued to bee out of the Towne bounds my desire therefore to the Towne is that ye Towne wilbee pleased to let me haue an Acre and halfe of meadow allowed me in the nearest place that can bee found out to that place the which the Towne I hope will not deny me for as much that I was | one | that the very first day entred with some others vpon the land of Prouidence and so laid out my money to buy and helpe pay for it, besides | much |

hardship and danger I and mine with others dide vnder goe to possesse and keepe the same a good while after & therefore I was one of the firste in choice of any lands to bee laid out to the Townes men afterwards & now that I may not proue tediouse in writting to you I desire yor fauoure in this request and Rest yor louing neighbo^{r} William Arnold

Also I desire the Towne that all my lands that lyeth within the bounds of the Towne that is not yet recorded may bee recorded in the Towens records &

[0104] The declaration of Sammuell Bennit of ye Towne of Prouidence Plantife against Beniamin Hernden of ye same Towne deffend^{tt}

Whereas your Plantiue hath suffered greate dammage in his Corne by ye Swine of ye deffendant & he refuseing all faire meanes of Satisfaction. your Plantiue is forced to bring this his action of trespasse to this Court for Justice ye dammage being fiue pounds

this 31th August 1659 ℘ me Sammuell Bennit

[0105] To Mr Thomas Olney Junior Clarke for the Towne of Providen[ ] to bee read at the next Towne meetinge /

Gentlemen and loveinge friendes and Neighbours These are to giue you to vnderstand as wee haue also signified in this Sort vnto all the Townes of this Colloney particularly That wee whose names are vnderwritten beinge apointed by the lawe makinge Asembly of this Colloney. to procure places of Plantationes in the Colloney, for the farther accomodation of the members therofe, and wee accordinge to and in pursuance of the sayd Comission or apointment hauinge taken care and paines therin, haue as far as in vs lyes Jndeavored to ℘cure, and haue attained in a good measur[ ] a certaine place and Tract of land called Aquidneset and parts adiacent in this Colloney, the which wee beinge resolved to present in the same maner vnto the next Generall Court of Comissioners to bee held at Portsmouth in the moneth of May next ensuinge, wee Conceiued it our duty now in Season, and as soone as wee Could before the sayd Court, to giue notis to each Towne therof, That if any in the respective Townes haue a mind to bee accomodated in the premises, hee, or they, may make their adresses vnto the sayd Court for farther orders & free aprobation therin, and this wee find to bee the mind of the Colloney in the order made touchinge these afayers, at Providence in May last: in y^{t} Clause wch sayeth; it bee disposed of to such as haue need of each Towne of this Colloney, The which as farr as in vs lyeth hath been & shalbee endeavored accordingely; & therfore prayinge you to take notice of this our Jntimation wee rest your loueinge friendes and Neighbours

Ben: Arnold
Arthur ffenner
william Baulston
Randall Howldon
william feild

Dated Aprill 23th
1660

(*Verso*)

A paper Signed Benedict Arnold william Baulston wm : ffield Arthur ffenner :

[0106] To ye Majestrate or Majestrates of ye Towne of Providence

By vertue of a warrent from ye p^r sident you are in ye name of ye supreame Authoritie of ye Comonwealth of England &c Required to give Legall notice to your Towne to prepaire for ye Court of Election Generall to be held at Portsmouth upon ye ffirst Tuesday after ye ffifteenth of May next wch saide day of Election will be ye 22th of ye saide month, As alsoe you are by ye same Authoritie Required to give notice to your Towne y^t acording to Law they Choose six men & sende to ye foresaide Court at time & place ye fixed to be & sitt to act as ye Law making Asemblie of this Colony & to transact in ye affayres of ye Colony, & to y^t End. to put themselves in a posture of acting, & to act Emediatly before ye Election, yet soe as to adjourne & give way to ye Court of Election orderly The Election being to be for ye Choyse of Generall officers by ye ffree voate of ffreemen Jnhabitants of ye Collony or as many of them as shall apeare ℘sonally or Legally by Proxcie ; heareof you are not to ffaile

Given by me James Rogers Ge^r Sarg^t
his X marke

Aprill 28th 1660

[0107] Apr|e|el — 27 — 1660

[ ]bours in prouidence ffor as much as sartaine parsons Among [ ]culer whoe being mouved by the motions of sathan upone [ ] Cumpacted together with a full resolutione Constatly [ ] fruits of my laboure Co|uering| thare wickedness with [ ]ing And swareing thare fore I being so shamefullly a baseed in my possessione vpone this my littel purchas Conterary to the Couinent you made w^t m^e to giue me apeace abot possessione when you sould me the lot upone mathews a Counts as youre one records doath plainely testifie yet Conterary to this youre Couinent I being so shamefullly a baseed by these youre vnruele and desordered members whose names ware mentioneed at youre last meten for this Cause tharefore I am Willing to put it vpone saile aCording to youre former agrement [ ]derly first to propound it unto the towne ofering frely that Jf Any of the towne or any other at the present will but giue so much mony As to giue me resonabel satisfectione for that part of my labour which yet remaineeth vpone the land not being spoyled for the present I shall be content to part With the land for nothing which land Cost me fourre pound ten shilings But Jf I must be forceed to leaue all and fle a way nakeed As a bard whose neast is spoyled then know a sueredly that this my litel purchas to gether with the testimony of youre one Hand riting Jn your records Concerning my right hearein shall remaine as Constant witnesses against you in the presents of him whoe is a righteous Judg and will pleade my Cause in Due season

Joshua Winsor [ ]

(*Verso*)

Too the towne of Prouidence these

[**0108**] Too the towne of prouidence these my petition and Request is that you wolde aforde mee your helpeing hande of advice and Counsel. for I am very vnskillfull in Lawe matters & yeet nesestiti doth force | me | to make sum smale progres therein that is in my petitioning vnto you as in Contience I Judge it my dutie so to doe in Regarde I am as it weare Left: a widoe & my Childe fatherles. & I not Rightely vnderstanding hou things weare Left | at my hesbands departure | & not being abel to axamine acounts & to Cleare vp maters & being vnwilling To fall in to the hands of Cruell marciles men who do & say what they Lik & i am alltogether vnabel to deal with them thear|fo[ ] | I desire you as soone as you Cann to take my Cause into your hand & do for me as if it weare your one Cause & you would haue annother doe for you so Leaueing it to you: earnestly expecting your helpeing hande I Rest

prouidence th 3 of J(1660 Hannah taylor

[**0109**] To the head warden of Providence These By vertue of a warant com to mee, Given forth by Ben: Arnold Gen^{ll}: Assistant of Newport in behalfe of y^{e} honrd President and Assistants Absents and in order to proceed|ing|, akording to a Legall Consent of Gen^{ll}: Councell &c,

These are in y^{e} name of y^{e} Supreame Authoritty of England to Require yo$\tilde{o}$: giue Legall and timely notice and warning vnto y^{e} Towne y^{t} they prepare for y^{e} Gen^{ll}: courtt of Tryalls to be be held for y^{e} Collony att warwick vpon y^{e} second Tusday being y^{e} ninth day of october next Ensueing, and in order there to are Required to Choose three men Quallified as by our Laws is provided, and to send y^{e} s^{d} men vnto y^{e} fores^{d} Courtt att time and place p^{r}scribed, then & there to be and act in name and nature of a Grand = inquest and jury of Tryalls, as ocassions shall Require and ℙmitt, farther in y^{e} name of y^{e} Authority afores^{d} yo$\tilde{o}$: are Required to giue notice to y^{e} Towne to Choose and send in att y^{e} fore named place Six men Capable ackording to order to be and Sitt A court of Comissionors, for transcacting Such affaires of y^{e} Collony as doe apeare of nessessary Consideration, as in ℙticular the Gen^{ll}: Counsell haue Considered certaine Letters from England and from New plymoth directed vnto ye s^{d} Collony Courtt of Comissionors, as also in spetiall manor to consider of, and to order Touching proclaimeing King Charles the second of Engl^{d}: Scottland &c, y^{t} y^{e} same may be don with Such Sollemnity as is most Suitable to y^{e} Same, and that order ackordingly be taken for to proceed ackordingly and farther yo$\tilde{o}$: are to giue notice y^{t} y^{e} s^{d} Courtt of Comissionors is to begin Emediatly after y^{e} Court of Tryalls is then desolved, hereof yo$\tilde{u}$ are nott to fayle

Dated Sept. 20th the X marke of
1660 Jeames Rogers Gen^{ll} Sargentt

(*Verso*)

To the head warden off Providence these

[0110] I desire that my medow WhiC lyeth beeyend Stutley Wasco[t] styes may bee inlarged And aded to it A flag pond That lyeth to the south west from it

RiChard Pray

[0111] Jenuari 27 : 1661 (

neibors in prouid seeing it hath pleased the lord to giue mee A habitatione Amongst you Jn thees parts whearein by A couenant togeether wee are bound to preserue the goods and good name one of Another And to maintaine eauall deuisione Jn the wrights and priuiledges of this our plantatione unto all the inhabitants that either nou or heare after shall bee receiued with us Jn this our [ ]atione. I therfore Jn regard of my concienc to God And my ingagement to to you can doe no les then to certifie you | of | certaine wices men Among you nameli wilyam harris thommas oni theoddor And willyam feilde. whoe are crept Jn Amongst us in prouiden|c| like theiues at A window constantly spoileing And deuouring the Jnhabitaants of theire wrights and priuiledges robing as wel the towne Jn general as persons in pertickular. And thus by deluding the Jnhabitants whoe know not our first proceedings. they haue Jndeauored by theire assisttanc to monoppol|i|es to them selues the wrights and priuiledgs that beelong to theire neibours, Jndeauoring to attaine it in A disorderli and faccious manner: by disposeing of the land Jn the new purchas (for which wee haue giuen our moni) at theire owne pleasure beeing assisted Jn an unlaful wai by the disorderli And unlaful ward of such persons as they had deludeed with lies And faulchood deniing the sale of the plantatione which we haue lateli bought And calling the bargaine A conficematione: And soe by deludeing the inhabitants with this faulchood, they conclude by vertu thereof to monopolies the choise of all the plantatione to themselues And theire confederates by uertu of theire unjust demaund which they chaleng to themselues for A patuxet share. now therefore if your sences should bee so much benumb And your eies so blind as to giue the wrig|ts| And priledges that belong to your selues and to your posteritie Jnto the hands of thees men. then I must needs conclude that the lord hath A controuercie with the Jnhabitants of prouidenc And therefore hath ordained theese wicked men to bee soe greate a scourg that the generations that are yet unborne are like to smart for it. how soeuer I haue heare Jndeauored to discharg my concienc to God And my Jngagement of loue to you my neibors, not charging ani with more then I am able to prooue Against them if occatione to isue And so desiering the welfare, of all the Jnhabitants I shall cummit the cukces of my Jndeauors to the lord And thees lines to your consideration your loueing neibor

Joshua winsor

[0112] To the warden or deputie warden of the towne of Providence

You are in his maiesties name Charles the second king of England Scottland, france, and Jreland and of all the domeniones thereto belonging to give notiece to the towne of providence that by Vertue of A worrant from ye president of this Collony to mee directed they ar required to choose and send in Able men of your towne quallified Acording to lawe to Atend and serve at the next generall|l| Courte of tryales held the second tewesday in march next at providdence one the grand inquest and petie Jurie or Jurie of tryales and there to Atend, till the said Courte be dissolved or Adiurned heare of faile you not given vnder my hand y^e: 18th: of febuarie in the twelfe yeare of the Reigne of our S[ ]veraigne in y^e yeare $\frac{1660}{61}$

℘ mee James Rogers generall Sargent

[0113] the 16th of ffeb i66i

Jt beinge demaunded of Joshua Winsor whether hee ownes that the writinge presented in the Towne meetinge by William Haukins and subscribed Joshua Winsor wherofe the Coppy beinge now read to him and whether hee owneth what hee therin chargeth concerninge Robbery his answer is that hee owneth it and farther sayth that it is in respect of Robbinge the Towne of their landes in the New Purchase /

You Joshua Winsor of Providence acknowledge yourselfe to owe and bee Jndebted to his Majesty the sume of one hundred pounds payable vpon all demaundes

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the aboue bounden Joshua Winsor shall make his lawefull apearance at the next Towne Court of Trialls to bee held in Providence the first Munday in March next ensuinge the date herofe there to prosecut[ ] Mr William ffield of the same Towne concerninge his charge of Robery layd against him then this obligation to bee voyd but other wayes to stand in full force and vertue,

Joshua Winsor

Providence the i6^th of ffebruary 1661:
taken bee fore vs

Thomas Harris
Arthur ffener
deputies

You Mr William ffield Ge^ll Asistant acknowledge your selfe to owe and bee Jndebted to his Maiestie the Sume of one hundred poundes payable vpon all demaundes

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the aboue bounden William ffield shall make his | lawefull | apearance at the next Towne Court of Trialls to bee held in Providence the first munday in March next ensuinge the date herofe thereto answer the charge concerninge Roberie layd against you by Joshua Winsor of the same Towne then this obligation to bee voyd or else to stand in full

force and vertue memorandum the word Lawfull was enterlined before Sighninge

Providence the 16th of ffebruary 1661:

taken bee fore vs — Thomas Harris / And Arthur ffenner — deputies

[0114] Providence 11. 3. 61 (so calld)

Lo: frjends & Neighbors

I pray yet yor patience & leaue againe to trouble you with yt troublesome & lamentable busines of John Clawson his Goods & ye rather because of yor owne Order againe to Consider of jt.

The last tjme you were pleased to debate jt: you seemed satisfied yt John Clawson in his so ofte mentjon of his Maister his Goods he meant my selfe & no other person

There appeard also before you three Jnterpretatjons of his Word

First, yt he Considerng his dying Condjtjon & having no kinred he bequeathed & left his Goods to me. This I tooke to be his meaning in ye morning, & thought yt jt might please God to bring to his mind, how I sought him out (by Natiues) & cherished him in his | lost | Naked & Starving Condjcion & yt I was not only his Master, (& he my howse hold Servant by ye yeare) but his Schoo: mr giving him my Dutch Testamt & spending much time to teach him to reade. This God knowes I tooke to be his meaning vpon serjous Consideracion. Jn ye afternoone when Elizabeth Hernden vpon his asking againe for me, asked him whether he meant yt his Master should haue his Goods: her words sound, & others say & mine Eares told me from her | owne | Relatjon yt she thus vnderstood him as I did: 2. Howeuer, she lately deliuered | here | in Court another meaning to wjt, yt jt was John Clawsons will yt I should take his Goods into my trust, in that case he was jn. Jf yt were his meaning, to wjt yt I should looke to & take his Goods & order them to his good in this his Great weakenes I haue not heard of his disposing of them any other wayes since into ye hand of any other,

3 A third jnterpretatjon & meaning is giuen Viz: yt I should bring him his Goods: This I conceaue may be a mistake, for these Reasons

First jt js far more probable yt lying by ye Graues mouth & going into his Coffin (of wch he spake) & being put in mind by others to dispose of his Goods, I say jt js more ratjonall to thinck, he so minded, then to quarrell vpon Law matters many Yeares before ended.

2. Although jt js possible yt lying so still he might muse of his Cow &c & desire yt I might helpe him to get them out of other mens hands for him Yet he knew yt I had neuer peny worth of his, but spent much tjme & Charges about his busines & grieved at his Folly & Frowardnes, & gaue him all possible Helpe & Favour.

3: Ed: Jnman, testifies yt he hath heard John Clawson Complaine of other

men as Roger Mawrie, Sam: Bennet mr Arnold (to whom he writ for him,) but neuer of myselfe. All wch Considered I conceaue there js not so much waight in thjs last, as to waigh downe both of ye two former Jnterpretatjons.

ob. Jt may be sajd, Jf when Eliz: Hernden askd him what he meant by saying his Mr his Goods, whether he meant yt his Master should haue his Goods Jf then he had sajd but yes, all had bene Ended: I answere jt js true, but with all, | Consider | jt js not easie for a wounded dying man to speake, according as we or as himselfe desireth: We know he spake by fits, & could not

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answere | a word | to many questjons: And in ye morning when he much desired to speak & sajd, Lift me vp & was lift vp by Ben: Hernden & Robt Colwell, he could not speake one word: All wch considered I conceaue yt impartiall Judges will say yt no man can make so fajre a plea to his goods as I haue done & yt therefore I haue just cause to pray ye Towne to grant me Letters of Administratjon, & I shall be ye more obliged to wish & endeavor yor prosperitie & to be Yor true frjend & Servant

Roger Wjlljams

Memo. This Paper was taken to Newport by Theodore Foster and was read in Capt Gardners Packet on Sunday June 27th 1814 the Gentlemen then Present returning from the General Assembly to Providence, among whom was present Robert Harris Esq who informed them the within named John Clawson was attacked with a Broad Ax bg an Indian from Behind Barberry Bushes near the Place where the Burying Place now is or the north End of Providence

instigated thereto by John Harrington or Harrandean That Clawsons Chest was Split open. That Clawson supposed Harrandean had been the cause of it and imparted a Curse upon him and his Posterity "That they might be marked with Split Chins and haunted with Barberry Bushes."

To ye Towne of
Providence

[0115] Here ffolloweth A True Coppie of the verditt of the jurey in the Case betweene William ffeild of providence, and William Cotton of Boston, given in to Court at providence the 6th of the Eight Month i65i as it is in or Towne Recordes

Wee ffind for the plantiffe William ffeild, Tenn poundes in Silver due, according to the Bill, damage Three poundes and ffifteene Shillinges, and the Charges of the Suite: /

Coppied ℘ me Thomas Olney Junr Clarke of The Towne of providence. /
This 19th of Aprill (6i)

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A Coppie of A Verditt

[0116] I Ann Smith widdow doe put in to the Townes hand of Prouidence all the right of my husband John Smith deased excepting the share of meddow which was due to my husband. for the seeuritye of my child John witnes my hand this 27 of Aprill i66i. the marke X of An Smith

wittness
Thomas Olney deputye
William Carpenter depuy

[0117] Be it knowne vnto all men by these p^r^sentes that I Robert Colwell of Prouidence in the Narraganset Bay of New England doe bind my selfe, my Heires, executors, and Administrators, in the Some of Tenn Poundes Sterling: to saue and keepe harmelesse, the Towne of Prouidence from any Charge or trouble that may arise: or fall out by a litle Child named Margerat Smith the child of the deseased John Smith, and I the foresaid Robert Colwell doe bind my selfe in the Som abonesaid, and my heires executors and Administrators aforesaid: to free the Said Child Margeret [ ]g Chargable vnto the Said Towne of Pro[ ]dence [ ]ill the Said Child Margeret be fourteene yeares of age. Jn witnesse whereof I haue here vnto Set my hand this Tweentye Seauen of Aprill in the yeer 166i. /

The marke of X Robert
Colwell

Signed and dd vnto the Towne in the face of the Court as wittneseth
Thomas Olney Senior deputy
Thomas Olney Junr Clarke

[0118] To the Warden or Deputy Warden of the towne of Prouidence: .

By vertue of a warante Receiued from the presidente to this purpose; . this is to will and require yow in his maiesties name charles the seconde: kinge of greate Brittaine & the dominions theirto belonginge: to call your townesmen together to choose out: sixe able men to serue as comisioners; . att the Courte of comisioners; and their to sitt in comision untill the Courte be ended which is to be kepte att John Antonyes house att Portesmouth: . the twenty seuenth; of this presente month of August for the viewinge of lettars sente from mr John Clarke & to returne a speedy answer theirto whereofe yow are not to faile per me: .

Newporte this
20th of August 166i

James Rodgers
Generall Sergente

[0119] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of the towne of Prouidecne: .

By vertue of a Warante Reseiued from ye p^r^sidente to this purpose: This is to will and require yow in his Maiesties name: Charles the seconde; Kinge of Englande Scottlande ffrauncé & Jrelande & of all the dominions theirto belonginge: to call your townesmen together: & to choose out soe many able honest and

sufitiente men as are to serue upon the graunde Jnquest and allso on the Jury of tryalls accordinge to law to attende; the Courte of tryalls to be held att the house of John Anthonyes att Portesmouth: . on the seconde Tewseday of October nexte: . heareofe yow are not to faille; as yow will answer the negletce; datted this: . 14th of septemb̄er i66i //

℘ me James Rodgers Generall Sergente: .

(*Verso*)

ffor Prouidecne Towne

[0120] [ ]morand:

That I R W, haveinge formerly purchasse[ ] of Connonicus and Miantinomie this or Situati. or plantation of New providence Viz; the 2 fresh Rivers Wanas and Wooshe and the ground and Medowes thereupon in Consideration of 30lb. Received from the Jnhabittants of the Said place, Doe freely and fully pass grant and make over Equall Right and power of Jnjoying and dispossing the Same grounds and lands, unto my Loveing ffriends and Neighbours: St. W; W. A; [ ] T; J; R C, J T; W H, J G, W C, T O, J W, R Wat, E H, and Such others as the Major part of us shall admitt into the Same fellowship of Vote with us —

As alsoe I doe freely make and pass over Equall Right and power of injoying and dispossinge the lands and grounds Reaching from the afore-said Rivers unto the great River pawtuxett wt the grass and Medows thereupon which was alsoe latly give and granted by the 2 afore-said Sachims to mee Witness my hand R. W.

A True Copy Extracted Out of the publick Records ℘ John Sanford Recorder.

mr Throckmorton being Engaged Testefieth as followeth that Such a writeing as this was delivered to the thirteen [ ]chassers of pawtuxett by mr Roger Williams: Taken before me Arthur ffenner

[ ]he first of October 1661: Towne Deputy —

mr William Arnold of pawtuxett being Engaged Testefieth as followeth: That this writeing is a True Copy of that writeing that was delivered to the thirteen purchassers of pawtuxett by mr Roger Williams: the 2 of October 1661: Taken before me Arthur ffenner Towne Deputy —:

Richard Waterman being Engageth, Testefieth as followeth that Such a writeing as this was delivered to the thirteen purchassers of pawtuxett by mr Roger Williams: —:

the 2 of October 1661 Taken before mee Arthur ffenner Towne Deputy —:

The three above written Testamonys are true Copys of those Endorsed on the back side of the above written Signed: R W: Attests:

John Sanford Recorder —:

Charles the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland ffraunce and Jreland defender of the faith this of October 1677 and 29th yeare of his

4 Let me crave yr patience while once more I do
yr Considerations to yr Graces amongst yr Dearly
Widowes & yr Fatherless: from some Neighbour &
yr widow Dian her selfe yr understand yt notwith-
standing her Motherly Heart (which will make all
Burthens yr lighter for her children good) yet
she is not without Feares yt in yr Towne or not
favourable to her in these times some have mad
sure & pressed may befall her: my request is therefore
yr it would please you to appoint some of yr
selves to receive yr Will & to consider whether
Mr Lines of yr Father deceased or mount of Tow
hath not [illegible]
fore & Desires in [illegible] to the loss to yr
Towne wherein [illegible] yr Rules of Just & e-
Mercy what [illegible] intended may be gra-
tefull to yr [illegible] comfort both of his [illegible]
& [illegible]

5 My last Request concerns my selfe: I can not but so in-
Thankfull to yr so manifolds & mins owne & Fam
lies [illegible] not to take notice of yr Continued
& constant Love & care in ~~yr many publike & pri~~
kindnes (rather for yr sayd of yr ~~many disturbances~~
about yr [illegible] Letters I have ~~neverdemanded~~
did [illegible] I have [illegible] desirous yt it might
have [illegible] but [illegible] publike Be
ne it in Law [illegible] But observing yr Loving
Resolution to yr Contrary I have at last resolved
to write unto you (as I have also lately done to
Portsmouth & Newport) about yr Letter ordinary of
it to my Advantage I have [illegible] (through Gods
yr Gracious Convenience & [illegible] some Goats

Majesties Reigne. These are in his Majesties Name to Require you Jmeadiatly upon | y^e | sight hereof to Summon John Harrud, Roger Burlingham, and Thomas [ ] of Warwick in the Collony of Rhode Jsland and providence plantations &c, tennants by force complained of & against by Nathaniell Waterman, Thomas ffield & William Harris all of patuxett & providence in the fores^d Collony that the s^d tenants by force, make their appearance at the Kings Majestys Court by his order to sitt at providence afores^d the seventeenth day of November next, to answer the s^d Complainants & demandants in a ple[ ] of land, wherefore ye s^d tenants by force under pretence of a grant from Cooweesett Jndians beareing date the 23 of June 1662 of four thowsand acres of land, pretend to title & Claime four thowsand acres of Lands of patuxett, wherein [ ] proprietys of the s^d Complainants & demandants, the s^d lands lying on the Northward side of the longist and maynist streame of pa[ ]uxett River, and [ ]o the Sou[ ]hward of a line that is to devide be[ ]ween the la[ ] of pro[ ]de[ ] & the lands of patuxett, & to the eastward or below a place or pon Called penhungganset bounds of patuxet land[ ] & into which the fores^d John Harrud, Roger Burlingham & Thomas Relfe entred by force with divers others at a place Called Meshantatack & by Some paquabuck within the foresd boundes and lands of patuxett on the 13 or 14 o[ ] may 1663 [ ]lding the Same by force to this day. comitting great trespass and many enormetyes against them, as also against the publick peace and good lawes, & to their damage one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling, which forces them to b[ ]n[ ]e their action of trespass of the s^d Sum, to the Honored Court and make their demand of the s^d land; f[ ] that they the s^d enterers by force have Ejected them, & Comitt this Jssue to the good Cuntry, who hath the bes[ ] titl[ ]o the s^d land, the Complainant & demandants (according to their proportions) or the forceable ent[ ] holders [ ] tenants by force & pray Justice of the Court therein, the s^d Complainants & demandants, dated the 8th of October [ ] & 29th yeare of his Majesties Reigne Jn behalfe of Nathaniell Waterman and Thomas ffield their Atorney and o[ ] owne behalfe Complainant & demandant. William Harris, their Complaint and demand S[ ] And faile not upon your perill to Execute this writt & shew yor doeings thereabout on the back side of this wr[ ]e returne [ ] of the s^d Court. And the s^d Complainants & demandants say they will leave the declara[ ]mand with the Hono^rd Captn peleg Sanford one of the Comissioners of the said Court, that the [ ] may have Copys thereof i[ ] they please and leave their Answer —

[ ] at lyinge in [ ] Custody of the aforenamed Hono^rd Captn peleg Sanford

Attests: John Sanford Recorder.

[0121] At A Towne Meetteing Decembe^r the 6 in the yeare i66i Tho: Olney Senr Modderato^r:

Jt is ordred that thos[ ] men that were deputed to conffeir with m^r^ Willia[ ]s concerning an Evidence Shall declare at this presant unto the Towne how farr they have proseeded in the matter; Those men which were deputed to confer with m^r^ williams about an Evidence; have declared unto the Towne | being [ ] | what [ ]onfference they haue had with m^r^ Williams: / And how farr they haue proceeded: /

Jt is ordred that the Towne Deputyes Shall cause Johana Harrad to com before them And to See what Securetye may be put in, to cleare the Towne of what charges may arise concerning her, And if none will put in Sufficient Securety then to Send her back againe unto Boston and this to be don without delay

Ordred that Vall Whitt, & Tho: Cle[ ]nt Shall goe unto the indians [ ]sett, and other Jndians Living neere [ ]he Towne and warne them to take Som Course with there dogges to Keepe them of of the Jnglish Cattell, they must | el[ ] | Expect to have them Killed,

Ordred that the 2 Towne deputyes shall goe unto the Treasurer, and to know of him what is become of the money that was gathered up for m^r^ Clarke, and to bring in Report uto the Towne

October the 10 | 1661 | Roger Mawrey Tooke in Wim Burowes

(*Verso*)

Know all men by these p^r^sentes That I William Wickenden of providence in the Narragansett Bay in providence Colloney in New England, upon good consideration, have given granted, and conffirmed; and by these p^r^sentes doe give, grant and conffirme unto Thomas Smith my Son in Law, A howse, with Three Acors of Land adjoyneing unto it; it Lieing and being on the South side of pautu[ ]et River, and up the streame about one mile and a halfe from pa[ ]tuxett ffalles; This saide Land being part Low Land and part meddow; Bounding Northwardly with the aforsaid pautuxett River, Southwardly with halfe an Acor of m

At A Towne meetteing December the 13th, 61

Thomas Olney Senr modderat^r^;

Ordred that those men who were deputed to confer with m^r^ williams, About an Asurance, shall also conffer with m^rs^ Williams Aboute thirdes

The Court is Ended

[0122] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of The Towne of Prouidence: .

By vertue of a warante; Receiued from the Presidente to this purpose: . this is to will & require yow; . in his Maiesties name: Charles the seconde: . Kinge of England; Scottlande; ffraunce & Jrelande: & of all the dominions theirunto belonginge: to call your Townesmen together; & to choose out of your free inhabittantes soe many: Just; able; & honest men; of good reporte; as may serue

[ ] the graunde inquest accordinge to law: . and as many true & iust men: as may serue on the Jury: . acordinge to law to attende: . the Generall Courte of tryalls; to be held att Newporte: the seconde Tuesday in March Nexte insuinge the date heareofe: . of y^e which yow are not to faile: as yow will answer y^e neglecte datted this 29th of January $\frac{1661}{62}$ ℘ me

James Rodgers
Generall Sergente

(*Verso*)

for the Towne of Prouidence: .

[0123] To: the Treasurer & Townes men of Prouidence: .

Louinge ffreindes after my loue & respectes unto yow remembred &c.: . I would intreatte yow to be mindefull of me: & sende me by some of your Townesmen: when they come downe to y^e Courte in march: that mony which is due unto me from your Towne: which is Three poundes tenn shillinges: . and soe nott doubtinge but yow will be mindefull theirofe I rest your

Louinge freinde James Rodgers

Newporte this 29th of January $\frac{1661}{62}$

(*Verso*)

for the Treasurer & Townes men of Prouidenc[ ]

[0124] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of the Towne of Prouidence

By vertue of a warante Reseiued from the Presidente: to this purpose this is to will and require yow: in his Maiesties name; Charles the seconde; Kinge of Englande; Scottlande ffraunce & Jrelande &c: . to make preparation for the Generall Courte of Tryalls; which is to be held for this Collony of Prouidence plantations: . att your Towne of Prouidence: . upon the seconde Tewsday in March nexte: beinge the tenth day of the saide month: . and in order theirto; to call your Townes men together: . & to choose out of your free inhabitantes: . sixe men; qualified accordinge to law vizt: three to serue on the graunde Jnquest: . & the other three to serue on the Jury of tryalls: . & to returne the names of the saide sixe men soe chosen: & to sende the saide men to the aforesaide Courte; then & their to attende the seruice aforesaide: accordinge to the true intente and meaninge of the law in that case prouided: . whereofe yow are not to fayle att your perill: . datted this 19th day of ffebruary $\frac{1662}{1663}$:

℘ me James Rodgers: .
Generall Sergente: .

(*Verso*)

for the Towne of Prouidence

[0125] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of The Towne of Prouidence

By vertue of a Warante Receiued from the Presidente to this purpose this is to will & require yow: . in his Maiesties name Charles the seconde Kinge of Englande Scottlande ffraunce & Jrelande & of all the dominions theirunto belonginge: . to call your Townes men together & to choose out of yor free men sixe able & snfitiente men accordinge to law to attende & serue att the Courte of comitioners: . which is to sitt att the Towne of Warwicke imediately before the Courte of election upon ye twentieth day of may nexte & their to attende untill the Courte be ended: yow are allso to make preparation for ye Courte of election which is allso to be att Warwicke upon ye same day: . of which yow are not to faile as yow will answer the neglecte datted this 22^d day of aprill 1662: .

℘ me James Rodgers
Generall Sergeante

I would intreate yow to sende me speedilly the mony which is due to me from your towne which is three poundes tenn shillinges:

℘ me James Rodgers

(*Verso*)

for the Towne of Prouidence: .

[0126] This 31. of Maye 1662.

There is laid out this day vnto William Arnold of Pautuxit a ℘cell or Necke of land neere about Massapague, viz all the vpland lying betwen the linne lately Runne betwen the bounds of the Towne of Providence and Pautuxit on the Southwest and Northwest ℘tes of it and to it the swamp and tussikie places lying on the west and northwest and north partes of it and the marsh or Meadowes of Valintine Whitman John Throgmorto[ ] and William Arnold abouesaid round about the East southe|a|st and South ℘tes of it. All the said land swamp or Tussikes is neere about the some of thirtie two Acres as we Judge; bee it more or lesse it is so laid out as abouesaid for the vse of the said William Arnold and his heires and assignes as his or their owne ℘per Right &c and so it is to bee recorded in the Towne Roles or Records by o^r Towne Clarke,

done by vs viz

Towne deputies Thomas Harris
Arthur ffenner

[0127] Warwike June the 19th 1662

Louing naighbours I ℘seine | som time | sence a note | came | to our toune the wch was deliuered to Mr Wickes wherin my name was vsed amonge others, imputing to vs to haue bought or being about to buy som | lands in | the wch you had interist, the wch in as much as it little concerned him it came not to my hand so soone as it might, but since I came to the knowlege therof and conceiuing my selfe primly aimed at, I thought it not conuenient soe fare to neglect you, as not

to giue an answer. the wch is, y^{t} it is; hath bene, and I trust euer shall be, far from me, onse to goe about to wrast any thing out of my naighbours hand y^{t} is his iust right, but I know no such thing as you seeme in y^{t} your lettur to impute, but if you are vnsatisfied concerning me, wth respect to any rumors you heare touching the ꝑmises, if you or any of you thinke conuenient to com ouer and conuerse wth me about the mattur, I doubte not but to satisfie your selues or any rationable man y^{t} I am innocent as to any such imputation, and am resolued not to desiste my course vntill conuinsed of my error therin, not = withstanding what imputations soeuer shall be layd vpone me by others: ꝑ my:

the marke of James X Sweete

(*Verso*)

To my good ffriend Thomas Olnay Junier Toune Clarke of Prouidense to be comunicated to the toune

[**0128**] Neighbours I desire that this may be Recorded, or ffiled, viz.

That I Thomas Wallen doe acknowledge that I have sold unto Gregory Dexter all my right and interest in my now dwelling place cituate and lying betwixt the six acre Lot of the said Gregory Dexter and George Way, | his now dwelling | containing twelve acres more or lesse, with my housse and orchard theron, with all the ffencing. As also my foure acres of land in the Great Swamp, wch I had layd out for one share of Medow, lying on the South = side the Cart way to the new = field towards the upper = End of the great Swamp

Thomas T W Wallen
his marke.

Providence this 22nd of the 10th m. 62

[**0129**] To The Towne of Provydence

Lo: ffreinds

These are to informe and advise you yt haveing Considered according to Court order of the Prizes of Provissions to bee Shipped for Barbadoes all good and well conditioned; for the use of m^{r}. Clark in order, to repaying Majour Ostler: our result is y^{t} goods bee put on Boord the Shippe, or Shippin[ ] as aforesayd at Prizes ffollowing: Porke at three pownd fifteene = shillings a Barrell Beife at t[ ] pownds fifteene = shillings a Barrell; Wheat = flower at Sixteene shillings a hundred & Bis[ ] at Eighteene Shillings a hundred: And that there bee neare an Equall Proportion in value of E[ ] sort. And, as for Horsses wee finde there Cannot bee more than one Horse put in to Thirty[ ] pownds worth of other Provissions aforenamed: And besides we Conceive the Hazzard very [ ] to send Horsses and judge it a more safe and Certayne way to Efect the end by sending provissio[ ] Are good and well saved: And as for ffish wee suppose

there is none & therefore have not p[ ] it. And this further you must take care for Ware howse = roome, Except you put it on Bo[ ] as soone as it is Brought downe, which canott bee unlesse you know when &c: And furthe[ ] you must depute two = men to Engage to us, that whatsoever Damage | Come | to y^e goods by any def[ ] or Caussualty, that they in yor behalfe will make it good untill the goods be received & fu[ ] Payd & accepted at Barbadoes; for wee must signe Bills of Lading &c: Therefore you shall doe well to mark yor goods with a Certayne marke to bee knowne Each Townes from other^s. That one Towne bee not Charged with anothers defects. This wee present under our hands being unanimously agreed: Novr. 8th: 1662:

Benedict Arnold.
William Brento[ ]
Caleb Carr

(*Verso*)

To: m^r. William ffeild & m^r. Tho: Oln[ ] These: ffor the Towne of Provydence:

[0130] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of the towne of Prouidence: .

By vertue of a warante Receiued from the presidente to this purpose: . this is to will & require yow in his Maiesties name: : to giue speedy warninge to yor townesmen: . that they fayle not to sende in att the nexte Generall Courte, of tryalls which is to be helde att Warwicke the seconde Tewsday of october nexte: . sixe comisioners: . either those that serued att the last Generall Courte of comissioners: . or such as shall be now new chosen; . to sitt att Warwicke imediately after the aforesaide Courte of tryalls is ended: . then & their to consider of lettars that are come from our agente mr John Clarke in Englande & other Lettars to the Courte from the other collonys &c.: . all which are of very weighty concernmentes for the Collony to vnderstande & consider of: . heareof yow are not to faile as yow will answer the neglecte: . datted this 29th of september in the 14th: . yeare of the raigne; of our soueraigne Lorde: . Kinge Charles the seconde; . of England Scottlande ffraunce & Jrelande &c: . ano dom̄. 1662

℣ me James Rodgers Generall Sergente: .

(*Verso*)

ffor the towne of Prouidence: .

T o Senior 6 w Carpenter 3 Tho Arnold Tho Harris 6 Jo Browne A fenner 5 w feild 3 w w w harris 4 J Browne Z R V w J feild C J T H R will w Carpenter Tho Harris Arther ffenner m^r ffeild w^m Harris Tho Olney Senior

[0131] By Vertue of a warant from ye Govē^r: | to this purpass | These are in his majesstyes name to Require you to prepare for ye Generall Assemby to be

houlden at ye Towne of Newport on Tusday ye first day of March next, then and there to Transact ye affaires of this Collony or Company of Rhoad Jsland and Providence Plantations: (and to ye land besides ye Gouēr^r: deputy Govrē^r: & Assistants who are to be present and ℘t of y^e | sd | Court: you are to Choose and send in fower | men | Quallified to sitt and Transact in ye sd Court: and by ye Authority aforesd yō: ar further Required to prepare for Gen^ll: Court of Trialls to be houlden allso att Newport ye Eigth day of march next: and to y^t end y^t yō: Choose and send in Six men Quallified according to Law to serve in ye sd court of Tryalls. both on ye Grand jury, and jury of Tryalls heer of faile you nott att yor: Perrill Given vnder my hand in ye 16th yeer of ye Raygne of Soveraigne Lord Charles ye Second King of England: &c:

℘ mee James Rogers Gen^ll Sarg^tt.

Dated feb̄: i^th (63)

(*Verso*)

ffor the Towne of Providence

[0132] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of the Towne of Prouidence: . By vertue of a warante: Receiued from the Presidente to this purpose: . this is to will & require yow: in his Maiesties name Charles the seconde: Kinge of Engglande &c: . to call your Townesmen together: and to choose out of yor free inhabitantes sixe men qualified accordinge to law: to be comisioners to meette and sitt att your Towne of Prouidence att the Courte of comisioners: which by the Generall Councell of this Collony is ordered to begin upon Tuesday the Twelfth day of may nexte insuinge the date heareofe: . before the Generall Courte of tryalls be called: which is adiourned to the same day and place: . And the aforesaide Courte of comisioners are to adiourne & giue place to the saide Courte of Tryalls as ofte as ocation presenteth (in that weeke) and on the Tuesday followinge they are againe to sitt: . before the Courte of election: and to adiourne & giue way for the Courte of election to proceede: . yow are allso by the authority abouesaide required to prepare for the saide Courte of election of Generall oficcers for ye Collony which is to be helde att yor saide Towne of Prouidenc[ ] upon Tuesday the ninteenth day of may aforementioned heareofe yow are not to fayle as yow will answer the contrary att yor perill: datted this 23^d day of aprill 1663 / /

℘ me James Rodgers

[0133] This Jndenture made this 25, day of Aprill in Año dom 1663. witnesseth that daniell Coomstock the sonne of Samuell Coomstock late of Prouidence deceassed hath of his owne free will and with the consent of the Towne of Providence hath put himselfe an apprentice vnto William Carpenter senior of Pautuxit and after the mañer of an apprentice with him to dwell from the day of the date hereof vntell the said daniell shall Come to bee of the age of one and twenty yeares fully to bee

compleated and ended, And that the said daniel as a true and trustie seruant with his said master shall dwell his Lawfull Comands shall obey his secree[ ] keepe hee shall not exempt himselfe from his masters house or seruice neither by day nor by night without his masters leaue or licence his masters goods hee shall not waste nor them to lend to any bodie without his masters leaue Tauernes nor Ale houses or any vnlawfull Games hee shall not haunt during the said time of his apprenticeshipp neither marrie with any woman or maid before the terme of his apprentice bee fully compleated but as a true trustie and faithfull saruant hee shall behaue himselfe both in words and deeds at all times And the said William Carpenter his master ꝑmiseth and Couenanteth with the Towne and his said Apprentice that hee the said master shall and will Carfully and ffaithfully looke vnto his said Apprentice and ꝑuide for him all things needfull and nescesarie with meat drinke and Cloathing both Linning and Wooling Hosse Shoose and other things needfull both in sickness and in health during the time of his Apprenticshipp wth due instruction and education and at the end of his Apprenticeshipp to giue his said seruant Twentie shillings stirling and two suits of Apparrill and so to lett him goe ffree. The which promisse to the said Apprentice shall bee truly ꝑformed by the said William Carpenter and his Assignes Jn Witnesse whereof the ꝑties aboue named Enterchangablie haue sett their hands and seales even the day and yeare ffirst aboue written 1663.

William Carpenter

Signed sealed and deliuered
in the pʳsencs of viz
Thomas Olney Senior
Thomas Harris Senior
Thomas Olney junior

[0134] Wee whose names are hereunto Subscribed, being mut|u|ally Chosen arbetrators to detirmin A Case depending, in Controversie betweene severall of the inhabetantes of providence, and other the inhabetantes of pautuxett, concerning the Title of Landes lieing at pautuxett aforsaid; doe declare oʳ Resolution & detirmination therein as ffolloweth (viz)

That the percell of Land in controversie lieing betweene pautuxett River South, & providence Boundes, north, the great Salt River East, and River called, pauchasett west, shall be So devided from East to west throughout, that Three partes of fowre Shall be the proper landes of Will: Arnold, Will: Carpenter, & Zacariah Roades, to them & theire Heirs for Ever in full for the Rights appertaining to them, or any of them by vertue of theire shares wᵗʰ the Thirteene purchasers, or any contract by them or any of them afterwardes made provided that this Shall not prejudice the Right of any of the Thirteene purchasers in the five acre percells

first laid out, nor the Right of a Six acre percell to be laid to ye Assignes of ffrances | weston | adjoyneing to the afor Said percells; neither Shall it prejudice the Rightes of any of the presant posessors of meadowes where Ever within the Tract before Speciffied; And further reserving a percell of Land neere the falls in pautuxett River called the vineyard to be in proporietie to all the Thirteene; and the litle neck lieing East of the forsaid falles; And further Excepting to m^r John Sailes what is proper to him laid out within the p^rmises, And also to Will Harris all his Share y^t belonges to him within the Tract before bounded, that Land already laid out to him is East of pauchasett River, and adjoyneing there|un|to and the other fourth part next providence Boundes shall belong to ye rest of the Thirteene purchassers, provided, that what So ever part or percell of meaddow lieing within this fourth part Still belonging to the presant propriators thereof. And all the lands lieing west of pauchassett River Shall belong to the Thirteene purchassers, & theire Heirs for Ever, Excepting Will Arnold, Will; Carpenter, & Zacariah Roades; Neverthelesse reserving to William Carpenter one percell being part meaddow, as is inclosed by the Said William, being upon pautuxett River in a Neck theire; & also to Zacariah Roades, & Stephen Arnold Twenty Acors of meaddow upon pautuxett River, to begin next the aforsaid percell of William Carpenter and So to measure up Streame untill the Said Twentye akers be laid out; Dated ye 15th of the 4th month i657:

Wim Hathorne
Eleazer Lusher
John Easton
Joseph Torrey

A True Copie, Copp^ed: Jully the 23^d: 1663: ℘ me Tho: Olney Junr: Cla^r: of The Towne of providence /

(*Verso*)

Arbitration of pautuxett Conserne: /

[0135] To Thomas Harris, & the rest of this Town of Providence who have determined a Comon High=way over the medow where the Bridge is, wch is comonly called Dexters Bridge.

These are to certify you, & every of you, that I do account my selfe extreamely slighted by you, in the point of non=satisfying me after so long | a time | of forbearance, & therfore do once againe declare that I do yet expect satisfaction, according to y^r own Law, finding yearly the damages to me | to increase | by Reason of the Comon way over my meddow: & if y^u shall see no reason yet to satisfy me: then by this be assured that I shall be provoked forthwith to make a stop there.

℘ Gregory Dexter

Providence this 11th of the 8th m. 63. /

[0136] To all xpin people to whome these p^r^sentes | shall | com Richard parker of Boston, in New-England merchant, and Ann his wife Send greetiing: Know yee that the Said Richard parker, and Ann his said wife for, and in consideration of a Valuable Sum in hand received or Securetie given for the paym^t^ thereof have given, graunted bargained Sold Enfeoffold and confirmed, and by these p^r^sentes doe give, graunt Bargaine Sell Enfeoffold and confirme unto William Carpenter of pautuxett in providence husbandman That Thirteene Share of A Tract of Land purchased by Thirteene men Jnhabetantes of the Said providence, which Thirteene part or Share as aforsaid m^r^ John Throckmorton Sold to the Said Richard parker, being part meadow and part upland, part of which meadow, and upland is laid out (the quantetie of the whole untill the Said thirteene part or Share be laid out is uncertaine) To haue and to hold the Said thirteene Share of A Tract of Land purchased as aforsaid being ꝑt meadow and part upland, with all the liberties, privilidges & apꝑtenances thereunto belonging or any wayes apꝑtaineing, unto the Said William Carpenter his Heirs, & Assignes, to the only proper use | and behoofe | of the Said William Carpenter his heirs & Assignes for Ever, And the said Richard parker for himselfe his heirs, Exsecutors, & AdminiStrators doth covenant & grant to and with the Said William Carpenter his heirs & Assignes by these p^r^sentes that he the Said Richard parker the day of the date here of is, & Standeth Lawfully Seized to his owne use of & in the Said land, and Every ꝑt thereof with the Apꝑtenances there of in a good perfect & Absolute Estate of inhiritance in fee Simple, And hath in himSelfe full power, good Right, and Lawfull authoretie to graunt, Bargaine, Sell, convey, & Assure the same in manner and forme as aforsaid, And that he the Said William Carpenter, his heirs & Assignes, and Every of them Shall and may for Ever hereafter pecably and quietly have, hold, and injoy the Said Land & Every ꝑt thereof wth the apꝑtenances thereof as aforsaid free & cleere, & cleerely aquited and discharged of & from all former bargaines sales, giftes, grauntes, joynters dowries, titles of dower, morgages, forfittures, judgm^ts^, Executions, & all other actes, and incumbrances what So Ever, had made comitted & done, or Suffered to be done by the Said Richard parker, his heirs or Assigns or any person, or persons claimeing by, from, or under him, them, or any of them, or had, made done or comitted, or to be done or committed by any other person or persons Lawfully claimeing any Right title or intrest to the Same, or any part there of whereby the Said William Carpenter his heirs or Assignes Shall, or may be here after Lawfuly Evicted out of the possession thereof And further the Said Richard parke, & Anne his | said | wife doe for themselves, theire heirs, Exsecutors, and Administrators Covenant, promise, & graunt to and with the said William Carpenter his heirs & Assignes, That the said Richard parker & Anne his | said | wife upon reasonable & Lawfull demaund, Shall & will ꝑforme & doe, or Cause to be ꝑformed & done, any Such further act, or actes,

whether by way of acknowledgment of this p^r^sant deede, or release of dowrie in respect of the said Anne, or in any other Kind that Shall or may be for the more full Compleating, Confirming & Sure making the afore Bargained p^r^mises unto the said William Carpenter, his heirs, & Assignes, acording to the True intent here of Jn Wittnesse whereof, the Said Richard parker & Ann his wife have here unto put theire handes & Seales the fiveteenth day of June, in the yeare of o^r^ Lord one Thousand Six hundred, ffifty nine. /

Signed Sealed & delivered, in — Richard parker L S
the presence of — Ann pearker L S
Arthur Mason

Jf a Attest ℘ Robert Howard Not: publ:.

This instrument above written was Acknowledged by m^r^ Richard parker, And Ann his wife to be theire act and Deede the 23 of Jully i659 befor me

John Endecott Gouen^r^

I the Said Richard parker doe hereby declare, that the Land mentioned in this above written Jnstrument, lieth betweene the deviding line that was Runn betweene providence, & pautuxett, And the River of pautuxett in New-England Jn Confirmation of the trueth of which I the Said Richard parker have here under |sub|-scribed my name, this Twentye third day of may one Thousand Six hundred, & Sixty one. /

as attest ℘ dict Robert Howard Nott: publ A True Copie, Copied September the 2i: i663 ℘ me Tho: Olney jun^r^: Clarke of the Towne of providence

(*Verso*)

Richard parkers Deede To will: Carpenter. /

[0137] Dated at providence the 12 of Aprill j649

Wee who have formerly agreed and Sett to o^r^ handes for a further devision of o^r^ landes & meaddowes purchased at and about pautuxett & have begun therein Endeavouring all of us to meete about it untill it were done, But now by reason of o^r^ Remoate habetation, find it too much trouble & travaile and uncertaintye of meetting; doe now therefore chuse & apoynt 4 men to Survey & Equaly to devide into Shares as wee have begun to Each man his Equall proportion / & doe make choyce of two of o^r^Selves & two other|s| to avoyd partialitye, the men are these of o^r^ Selves William ffield & William Harris, the others Richard osbone, & Hugh Buett, & what these 4 Shall now doe in the devision of these Landes wee Shall agree to Stand to, & to pay them for theire labours wittnesse o^r^ handes

John Greene junior — Richard parker
Ezekiell Holliman
Richard X Harkutt
Stukly Westcott.

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16 d 12 m^{t}h j660

Neighbour William Carpenter, & the rest that are goeing to fence upon my land neere ffrances Westons howse. (or place where it stood) (as I am informed) without joynt agreement with us, by which you may Trespasse against yor neighbours, and goe beyond yor boundes: Therefore I proposse this to you first, before Either you or I finish o^{r} fences, that wee first devide betweene yor 3 partes, & o^{r} 4th part, according to the agreement betweene us and the arbetrators. And next that you com to agreement with us where yor land Shall lie which you are to have in the Right of John Greene; And be not mistaken and think you have more then you have: nor that I have lesse then ffrances Westons, m^{r} Throckmortons, & my owne Right all. / Therefore if You returne me Answere by the 18d of this mth then I may understand yor mind, of agreement, or not, but if you returne me no anSwere, then I hereby forbid you, or any of you to take any timber, as postes, or railes from the north side of the run of water that runs downe by the place where ffrances Westons howse Stood: And that you may not be mistaken, know this that the arbetrators had, and used power, only betweene you 3: & wee then differing; And did not null o^{r} joynt agreementes that wee made amongst our Selves: also other reasons there are that the agreement of the arbetrators will prove; that they did not null those agreementes, which concerned us only and not you (as apart from us)

willing to prevent all discontent
William ffield

A True Copie, Copied September the 2i: i663: ꝑ me Tho: olney jun^{r}: Clarke of the Towne of providence

[0138] Richard osbone aged 63 years or there about being Sworne Testeffieth that himselfe and Hugh buet being apoynted to be two of the Surveiors, by the purchasers of pautuxett to lay out great Shares of land, about ffifteene or Sixteene yeares agoe; That at that tyme the laid out to Richard Harcutt all the upland from that Coue where Ezekiell Hollimans meaddow was home to the land of William ffield northward, & So backward from the Sea to the ffoote way that leades from providence to pautuxett, & ffarther at the presant this deponant saith not:

Warwick this 17 of June i663 taken before me
John Greene Generall Assistant

A True Copie; Copied September the 2i: i663 ꝑ me Tho: olney jun^{r}: Clarke of the Towne of providence: /

I John Greene upon my ingagement doe testeffie, That I being presant at the Same time when the above Said land was laid out to Richard Harcutt, that it was laid out according as Richard osbone abovesaid hath Speciffied, and farther I doe testeffie, that the fence | which | is Saide to be William Carpenters, part of it to my knowledg is Sett upon that land, which as abovesaid was laid out to Richard Harcutt I doe also testeffie that ffrances Weston did build upon and possesse the Said land at least three years : /

The 17 of June i663 ꝑ me John Greene Generall Assis|tant|

A True Copie, Copied Septemb^{r}: the 2i: i663 ꝑ me Tho: Olney jun^{r}: Clarke of the Towne of providence

Richard Osbone upon oath Testeffieth that he having benn at patuxett to vew the fence which hee was informed was Sett up by William Carpenter his apoyntment neere pimconsett Since his last Evidence: This deponant doeth absolutly affirme that a good quantetye of the Said fence is Sett upon the land laid out to Richard Harcutt Speciffied in my fformer Evidence given in before John Greene Gennerall Assistant and farther this deponant Saith not

Warwick the 4th of July i663 Taken before me John Greene Gennerall Assistant

A True Copie, Copied September the 2i: i663 ꝑ me Tho: Olney jun^{r}: Cla^{r}: of the Towne of Providence

[0139] Know all men by these p^{r}sentes that I Richard Harccutt Jnhabetant of the Towne of Warwick, in the Colloney of providence plantations in New England haue Sould unto William ffield of providence in the said Collonie of providence, all my Right, title, and Jntrest both of upland and meddow belonging to me at pautuxett or there about devided & undevided, Excepting one Share of meaddow lieing at Mashapauge River, and one Share of Meaddow at pautuxett River being the first devision bounded by A Share of meaddow belonging to William Arnold, Also one aker of Land in the Six aker lott adjoyning to Robert Coles his Six aker Lott next the ffalles; Also one Six aker Lott being the Second devision; I Say I have Sold to William ffield abovesaid all my Right Title, & Jntrest of the said land of pautuxett Excepting those percells formerly mentioned / for full Satisfaction in hand received, with all priviledges, and appurtenances thereto belonging both of Comonadge &^{ctr}: I Say I have Sould it, and doe by this act passe it ever from me, my heirs, Exsecutors, Administrators, to the Said William ffield, his heirs Exsecutors Administrators for Ever pecably to Jnjoy with out molestation from me, or any by me Wittnesse my hand and Seale the 25 of march Anno i65i

Richard Harkure

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the p^{r}sence of us
John Greene jun^{r}:
Edw: Tayler —

A True Copie, Copied the 2i day of September i663 ꝑ me Tho: Olney jun^{r}: Cla^{r}: of the Towne of providence

Wee agree that John Greene Junr: Shall have 200 & ffifty akers of Land upon that neck joyning to his meaddow, begining at the utmost End where it is bounded by m^{r} parkers Share of meadow, and so by William Carpenters and other Shares of meadow, and the neck to hold out the whole breadth, as farr as the ground Shall goe, and then m^{r} Roger Williams to bound next to it in Wittnesse whereof wee have here unto sett o^{r} Handes, Dated the 8 of November at pautuxett i648

William ffield
Richard parker
Richard Waterman
Stukly Westcott
Ezekiell Holliman
William Harris
Richard Harcutt

A True Copie Taken out of the origenall, as atesstes John Greene Gen^{ll}: Assistant

A True Copie, Copied the 2i day of September j663 ꝑ me Tho: Olney jun^{r}: Cla^{r}: of the Towne of providence

(*Verso*)

Richard Harcutts, & will: ffeildes

[0140] Richard Waterman Saith upon his ingagement, that hee did agree and joyne with m^{r} John Greene Junior, Richard parker, Ezekiell Holliman, Richard Harcut, & Stukly Westcott about the Chusing men to devide landes belonging to pautuxett acording as the agreement Standeth under the aforementioned persons handes in a pa ꝑ dated at providence the 12 of aprill i649.

Taken in Court this 6. of July i663

A True Copie, Copied September the 2i: i663 ꝑ me Tho: Olney junior Cla^{r}: of the Towne of providence

Thomas Harris jun^{r}: & Joseph Howard, upon theire Jngagementes Testeffie that they being imployed by William ffield, to carrie a letter unto William Carpenter of pautuxett, that they did deliver the Said letter unto him; And that the Same which William ffield hath this day Caused to be read in Court, which is a proffering of a devision of theire 3 partes of land from the other one part is the Same with that which they delivered unto William Carpenter

Taken in Court this 6 day of July i663

A True Copie, Cop^{ed}: Septem^{r}: the 2i: j663: ꝑ me Tho: olney jun^{r} Cle^{r}: of ye Towne of providence

William Ward being ingaged Testeffieth, that neere about the head of A Small fresh Streame which is the nearest fresh Streame unto a peece of Land called by the Jndians mushattchuckapeake ; he did in ffeburarey in the yea[ ] i660 Cleave Some Railes for William Carpenter of pautuxett : /

Taken in Court this 6 day of July i663

A True Copie, Cop^{ed} : Septem^{r} : the 2i | i663 : ℘ me Tho: Olney jun^{r} : Cla^{r} : of ye Towne of providence

John Throckmorton upon his ingagment Testeffieth, that about ffeburarey, or march last, was 2 yeare as he was Keeping of Goates downe towardes pautuxett, hee Saw William Ward a cleaving of Railes, on the north Side of a Small fresh Streame which runneth neere the place where ffrances Westons howse once Stood : /

Taken in Court the 6 of July i663

A True Copie, Copied September the 22 : i663 ℘ me Tho: Olney jun^{r} : Cla^{r} : of ye Towne of providence

William Ward being ingaged testeffieth, that the Jndians call that percell of land which William Arnold hath ffenced in about the comon Coave, or landing place to pautuxett, on the north Sid of the Said Cove ; pomecansett : /

Taken in Court this 6 day of July i663

A True Copie, Copied September the 22 : j663 ℘ me Tho : Olney jun^{r} : Clarke of the Towne of providence

(*Verso*)

Euidences aboute pautuxett mattors. /

[0141] To the Warden or depety warden of ye Towne of Providence these By vertue of a warant from ye p^{r}sid^{tt} : to mee derected these are in ye name of his majesty Charles ye Second, King of England Scottland france & Jrland &c. to giue you to vnderstand, y^{t} yo̅ are to take notice y^{t} your Towne of Providence, y^{t} they make p^{r}paration for ye court of Tryalls, y^{t} is to be houlden for this Collony att Portsmouth the Second Tusday in october next, & for preparation thereto y^{t} they Choose out from amongst them Six able men Quallified according to Law, to serve on ye grand & petty jury, and farther there bing Letters Com from m^{r} : Jo : Clarke ye Collonyes Agent in England one derected to ye Comissionors of ye Collony, and an other to ye president, which Last Jntimateth y^{t} a Charter or Pattey is by him procured for ye Collony vnder y^{e} | Broade | Seale of England, and y^{t} ye Collony take care & order for mony to be sentt to defray ye ingagements he hath ben forced to Runn into upon ye aco^{tt} : Therefor you are (by the Authoritty afore Exp|r|essed) Required to Choose & Send in Six men Comissionors from ye Towne to Consider of ye afores^{d} Letters &c : att Portsmouth vpon wensday morning ye i4th day of october now Coming as afores^{d} and to adjourne as occassion

Requirs for trancsacting ye Collony affares, giueing way for ye Court of Tryalls to proceed &c, and you are to giue notice y^t in case ye Towne neglect to Choose Six Comissionors as aforesd y^t then ye Comissionors y^t Served at ye Last court in may att Providence, or were there to haue Served, are to be timely warned in to Serve in this court afore intended

Therefor you are Nott to faile

Given vnder my hand this 23: day of Sept: i663:

Jeams X Rogers,
his marke

[0142] know all men by thes presents that we Josua winsor & Jams Aston, both of ye towne of ꝑovidence in ye Collony of providence planta[ ]ons in New england, doe Joÿntly & severally Chuse m^r John wickes, & Edmund Calverley, both inhabitants of ye towne of warwicke, aforsd to be arbitrators betwixt vs, touching all matters in diference betwixt vs from ye begining of ye world to ye day of ye date heereof, Espesially ye diference betwixt vs ye said Josua winsor & Jams Aston aboue naimed, about a lott that lyeth in ye towne of providence aforesaid, Called mathew westons lott, And wee ye said Josua winsor & Jams aston aforsaid, doe ingadge as heerafter followeth, As binding our selves | our | heires Executors Adminestrators & asignes, that I Josua winsor | doe promise that I | will forfeit my lott that is Called by some mathew westons, vnto Jams Aston, As allso I Jams Aston doe promise that I will forfeit my lot that that now I dwell vpon, the houses only Exepted, in Case we doe not stand to ye award of our arbitrators afore naimed ꝑovided they doe end ye same [ ]e or before ye 31th of this instant october 1663

witnes our hands & seales this 29th of octobr 1663

Signed sealed & delivered in y^e ꝑsence of vs
william wickenden
[ ]ry pray

Josua winsor [Seal]
James Ashton [Seal]

[0143] To all Cristan peopple to whome this ꝑsent wrighting shall Come know yea that whereas Josua winsor and Jams ashton of the towne of providence in ye Collonÿ of providence plantations in New england have by their bond of Arbitration bearing date the 29th day of october 1663: refered all matters in diference betwixt them, oca[ ]ned about a Certaine Lot Lying in providence aforesaid Called mat[ ]ew westons lot / Vnto m^r John wickes & Edmund Calverley of warwicke in ye Collony aforesaid, whoe were Chosen Arbÿtrators by ye Joynt Consent of Josua winsor & Jams ashton aforesaid as in ye said bond will moor at large appear /

Now this present wrighting witneseth that wee mr John wickes & Edmund C[ ]lverley aforesaid (doe) with ye Asent & Consent of of ye said Josua winsor & Jams ashton, award & determine as followeth, first that ye bounds of ye foresaid lot shall be known for ye future by a pallesadoe stake Cutting one ye hye way westward, ther being five bound stakes moor which range Eastward reaching to ye hedge that standeth one ye East End of ye said lott, ye fift bound marke or stake beeing a ÿoung tree standing one ye west sid of ye brooke that runeth thorough ye ye said lot Called mathew westons lott / Also it is further awarded & agreed by all partyes, that wheras it is aleadged by Josua winsor that Jams ashton aforesd hath done ye said Josua w[ ]sor some damage by Cutting downe some trees which Josua winsor Claimed to be his ye said Josua winsors That ye said Jams ashton shall sufer ye fence that now fenceth in Josua winsors lott; to stand for three whole yeers to Come, from ye day of ye date heerof in Lew of ye said Claime maid by Josua winsor / Lickewise it is agreed by vs ye Arbytrators aforesaid, by & with ye Consent of Josua winsor & Jams ashton aforesaid That this our award shall be a fÿnall End, of all diferences which haue & may arise betwixt ye said Josua winsor & Jams Ashton their heirs Executors Adminestrators & asignes ocasioned about ye foresaid lott or ye bounds therof, from ye begining of ye world to ye day of ye date heerof, or else the foresaid bond to stand in full force & vertue, allso we doe lastly award & agree that, ye foresaid bond of arbitration as allso this our award shall be recorded in ye records of ye towne of providence aforesaid for ye setling of peace for ye future betwixt ye said Josua winsor & Jams ashton their heirs & asignes & both ye said bond & this our award to remaine in ye towne Clarkes hand the one halfe of ye Charge being paid by each party betwixt whome ye diference did arise / witnes our hands & seales this 30th day of october 1663 /

John wickes	[L S.]	Josua winsor	[L S.]
Edm: Calverley	[L S.]	James Asht[ ]	[L S.]

Signed Sealed & delivered in ye ℘sence of vs
Mary Pray
Arthur ffenner

[0144] To the Capt: or other Commission officers of ye Towne of Provydence

You are in his Majestys name: &c: required to warne & require all ye fremen of yor Towne to accompany yor Towns Comissioners / Jn their Armes, on the 24th day of November instant being Twesday: or as many as Can Come to Newport there to solemniz The receit of ye Charter, according to advice of ye Colls Agent to ye Councell. hereof ffayle nott given: November the 16th: 1663.

By Ben: Arnold President

(*Verso*)

ffor ye Towne of Prouidence

[0145] To the Warden or Deputty Warden of the Towne of Prouidence:.

Whereas the Generall Councell: are sensible of greatte neccessitty: of callinge a Courte of Commissioners for this Collonny: partely and cheifely to Receiue ye charter which is certainely reported to be ariued: . and allso to consider of the massachussetts message to vs: for or towardes a peaceable compossure of difrences:. now in beinge betweene them and this Collonny & allso to heare & determine any other: nessessary matter that may emerge:

By vertue of A warante from ye presidente to this purpose yow therfore are required in his maiesties name: Charles ye seconde: kinge of Englande &c:. to call yor townesmen together & to choose sixe comissioners & sende them to Newporte or to sende those allready chosen:. their to meette & sitt: on Tuesday y^e | 24th | of November instan|t|:. to consider & determine touchinge ye premisses heare of yow are nott to fayle att your perill:. datted att Newportte this 14th:. of nouember 1663 / /

℘ James X Rodgers
Generall Sergeante

[0146] By vertue of a warrent by me Riec: from ye Go^r: to this purpose

These are in his Ma^ts: name (Charles the second King of England Scotland ffrance & Jreland &c: to require yow forthwith to choose and send in your Deputies: and that the Majestrats also repaire to the Gennerall assembly to be holden at Newport vppon Thursday next being the 23th day | fabavary | of this instant month: Jt being Conuened or called vppon very weighty occations now at this instant appearing: ffor Considderation of his Majesties gratious letters, and Treatment of his most Honnorable Comissioners, and what may there on depend to be put in order, Hereoff fayle not of speedy putting in practice as you will answer ye Contrary

Geven this: 18th: of ffabavary: 1664: Jn y^e: | 17 | year of his majesties Reigne

Pr me James X Rogers Genirell sargen^t

(*Verso*)

ffor Tho: Oln|e|y Esqr: Asestent for the towne of Providence

[0147] Jt is his ma[ ]:

i That all hovse hovlderes inhabiting this Colloney take the: oath of allegiance, & that the administration of Jvstice. be be in his majestiés name:

2 That all men of competent estates, & of civill conversationes whoe Acknowledg, & are obedient to the civill majestrate thovgh of: different Jvdgments, may be admitted, to be free men, & have libertie to chuse, & to be chosen officers both millitary and civill:

3 That all men & women of orthodox opinions Competent knowledg, & civill lives, who acknowledg and are obedient to the Civill majestrate, & are not scandelovs ; may be admitted to the sacrament of the lords svpper, & theire children to baptisme ; if they desire it either by admitting them into the congregations allready gathered ; or permitting them to gather them selevs into svch Congregations where they may enjoy the bennefitt of the sacraments ; & that difference in opinion may not breacke the bond of peace & Charity : , :

4 That all lawes ; & expressions in lawes, derigatory to his majesty if any shvch have bin made, in these late and trovblesom times may be repealed [ ]tered & taken of the file : , :

5 That the Coloney be pvt into shvch a postvre of defence that if there shovld be any invasion vpon this Jland, or elce where, in this Coloney) which god forbid) yov might in some: measvre be in re|a|dines to defend yovre selves ; or if neede be to releive yovre neighbovrs ; according to the power given yov by the king in yovre Cha|r|ter ; & to vs in the kings Commission and instrvctionss : ,

Robert Carr
George Cartwright
Samvell Maverick :

To the Gōvernor, depvty governer, Assistance, & free men of the Coloney of Rhode Jland & providence plantations : March : 4th : 1664

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Agrements wrott by the Comissanars

[0148] Prouidence ye 27 of Janu : 1664. To : & for : ye Concederatione of ye Towne, we ye men of Patuxcet : whose names are vnder writene, Againe this (ssecond time) Requeste you, yt you would Come to Adebitione of ye land (Called Jn ye Combynatione ye propriettyes, of ye men of Patuxcet) | from | ye Generall Comone of ye Towne of Prouidenc ; & to yt end : Concider, yt there muste be Aknowledg of ye Riuers one ye sides, before we can know ye midle line (at An equall distance betwene ye sayd Riuers) Therefore we pray you to Consider of what we haue (formerly Requested : & now :) & for as much, as (Jf we) doe deuide. (Jt not be|ing| deuided by Rules of Arte) Eror will afterward apeer & Jf ye markes forgot, but Jf Jt be deuided by A scillfull suruayer, ye deuitione will not be forgott ; but will Remayne Vpone ye plat or mape, by which more Certainly : more perpetually will apeer ; Therfore Jf you you be willing : to haue An honnest suruayer, we will pay half ye Charge ; but Jf you will not haue A suruayer to deuide it ; yet we are willing to deuide it with you (without a suruay|er| but Judg it best, (by a suruayer) wittnes our hands

William ffield
Zachary Roades

Richard X Waterman
his mark
William Carpenter
William Harris

[0149] m^{r} Browne perseueing that you are Tresurrer for the towne of providence you of all men is the man that I make my adresses to for my Just dues which is fiue pound and one shilling which I Expect to Reciue from you one your Towne account from home it is due I pray sir fayle mee not for if you should neglect mee I should be forsed to take some other Course to Recover my Just Rights not Eles at present but my Respect to you I Rest

James X Rogers gen Sargant
his marke

nuport august 15: 1664

(*Verso*)

for m^{r} henry browne Tresurer of the Towne of providence These with Care

[0150] Mr Willyam ffeilde: Greettinge &c:. by vertue of A warante from ye gouernour to this purposse yow are to make p^{r}parations for ye Generall Courte of tryalls to be holden att Newporte on wednesday ye ninteenth of october nexte:. & to that end & purpose yow are in his maiesties name required to call your townsemen together: & besides yor maiestrates wch are to repaire to ye Courte: yor townesmen are to choose & sende two able & discreette men quallified accordinge to law to serue on ye graunde inquest: & two men quallified as aforesaide to serue on ye Jury of Tryalls:. & yow are allso in his maiesties name required to make preparation for ye Generall Asembly: which is to sitt att Newporte for ye dispatch of the afaires of this whole corporation upon wednesday the 26th of ye aforesaide month of october: & to that end & purposse:. besides your maiestrates which are their to be presente yor Townesmen are to choose and sende their Deputies ffowre men: for ye makinge vp of the saide Generall Assembly:. whereofe yow are nott to fayle

℘ me James X Rodgers
Generall Sergentte:.

from Newporte datted
this 20th of Sept:. 1664

(*Verso*)

for mr. Willyam ffeilde of Prouidence:.

[0151] S^{r} / I desire yow to mind my monye, due unto me from your Towne without further trouble, that I may receive i[ ] in Love and peace, which Sum̃ is five pounds one shillings,

S^{r} I have heerin also inclossed, in due Cours, Concerning the General Courts, S^{r} I am yo^{rs}

James X Rogers
General Sergant

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To Mr William Field These p^{r}sent Providence

[0152] This p^rs^t Assembly, the Gen^r Court of Comission^rs, hauing it much vpon their harts, The Consideracoñ of y^t dutifull obedience, Loyalty & vnfayned humble affection, That this Colony doth owe & beare vnto ye Crowne & dignity of his most Excellent m̄a^tie o^r dread Soueraigne. Lord The King: Charles the Second, of England, Scottland ffrance and Jreland, and of all the dominions and Territories thervnto belonging &c of wch his Royall m̄a^ties Dominions or Territories & subjects, Wee in all humble submission vnto his gratious Gouernm̄^t, / doe acknowledg this Collony wch all ye members Joy[ ] to bee an vndoubted ꝑt, And Considering w^thall, the great mercies of peace & freedome, y^t wee injoy vnder his most gratious protecoñ & gouernm̄^t: As Alsoe hauing wth vnexpressable joy & wonder fixed o^r eyes & minds vpon his m̄a^ties vnparaleld Clemency, and fauo^r expressly declared vnto all his Leige people, of w^tt degree or condicoñ soeuer, after soe great trobles & offences as haue lately passed: As by his m̄a^ties Late gratious declaracoñ it doth appeare, wch hath been Since also manyfested by his most Royall disposicoñ, wholy enclyned vnto Clemencie & fauo^r toward all his majestyes subjects, in so high a measure & manner as hath giuen them Cause to bless the Lord for his goodness & to pray for his m̄a^ties Long life wth Hon^r & Renowne aboue all the kings vnder heauen: Wee conclude it o^r duties w^thout del[ ], not only to shew o^r obedience, vnto his Royall gouern̄^mt as we haue hitherto done both by publik proclayming his m̄a^tie our most vndouted Leige Lord & Soueraigne, And also humbly (in the Confidence of his grace & Royall fauo^r) acted in his m̄a^ties name: But also in all humble & thankfull manner to present and prostrat o^rselues, both ꝑsons & estates at his m̄a^ties feett, And to beeseech his m̄a^ties fauorable Continuacoñ of his goodness vnto vs his most faithfull, though poore & vnworth[ ] subjects in these remote ꝑts of the world: And the better to declare o^r Loyalty & humble seruice vnto his m̄a^tie do appoint o^r Trusty & well beloued freind & Agent to present o^r ackno[ ]ledgm^t accordingly: And to that end do vnanimously & cheerfully desire to Contribut the sum̄ of two [ ]dred pound sterling, accodding to mony pay in this Colony to ward o^r said Agents expences in the management of the said voyage & vndertaking in o^r behalf vnto England to bee ꝑformed & improued wth all expedicoñ possible, And to ye end that ye sd sum̄ of 200^£ may be raysed wth Alacritie & cheerfull freeness, it hath pleased the Court to motion & order that it be done by the free contribucoñ of ye well affected members of this Colony: as not doutting but y^t euery one of them will readily therin & therby declare, how abundan[ ]ly gratfull it is vnto y^m to further, this so dutifull address vnto his m̄a^tie: Wheras if otherwise it had been imposed & levyed by a rate, it might haue eclipsed, & anticipated their most joyfull resentacoñ of this resolucoñ, And to y^e end that the sum̄ may be the more impartially proportioned & raysed out of [ ]hess ⸸ Townes of y^e Collony, The Comission^rs of y^e sd Townes haue Agreed: That: 85^£ [ ]f itt be [ ] of y^e

Towne of Nuport, And 40$^{£}$ of the Townes of Prouidence, And: 40$^{£}$: of the Towne of Portsm^{o}: and: 35$^{£}$: of y^{e} Towne of warrwick; And that y^{e} monyes may bee the more fairely collected; the Cort haue intrusted seuerall of y^{e} members of this Collony in each Towne to take care of y^{e} matter, in proposing it to y^{e} generall Jnhabitants, & to take & receiue their contribucoñs for y^{e} end & purpose aforsaid, That is to say ffor the Towne of Nuport are appointed & desired, o^{r} Honord presid^{t}, as also Ben: Arnold Capt John Cranston, m^{r} James Barker m^{r} Jos: Tory, And m^{r} Rich: Tew, & of ye Towne of Prouidence m^{r} W^{m} feild m^{r} Tho Harris m^{r} Wm Carpenter m^{r} Tho: Olney & m^{r} Zachery Rhodes, & for ye Town of Portsm^{o} m^{r} Wm Baulston m^{r} John Porter, m^{r} John Samfford Ll^{t} Alsbrow & m^{r} John Room, & for ye Towne of warrwick m^{r} John Green m^{r} John Smith m^{r} Randall Holden, m^{r} John weekes, m^{r} Mathyas Harvy & m^{r} Richard Townsend, And seeing y^{t} all matters cannot in ꝑticular bee determined at this Court as touching the premises, as respecting whatt species the Contribucoñs are to be pd in (ꝑticularly) inasmuch as euery one hath not alike sorts of pay Therfor it is requisite to leaue y^{t} ꝑticular to ye discretion of select men, two of each Towne, to aduise & conclude on both the things & the prises y^{t} they are to be paid in, being any sort of Cattle corne or prouisions ye vsuall prizes y^{t} they are valewed on account of mony pay (so called) in this Colony: as also these select men to agree w^{t}h some m̄erch^{t} or merchants on as reasonable termes as they can, to take ye said Cattle & prouisions, & to giue bills of exchange therfor for ye vse of o^{r} Agents in England, As also it is resolued & ordered y^{t} ther be at least two of each Towne deputed & impowred to aduise & consult altogether vpon the ꝑticular instructions & orders to bee giuen & Comitted to he or they y^{t} shall be imployed to England, as also [ ] the Charter of m^{r} Rog: Williams, & at their discretions (vnanimously agreeing) to send the same, as prostra[ ] it & all we haue at his m̄a^{ties} royall will & pleasure, opertunitie & cause presenting or requiring, As also thos select men to take reciprocall ingagem^{ts} strong & Authentick vnder the hand & seale of y^{t} ꝑson & those ꝑsons y^{t} shall be imployed to England, that they swerue not from their instructions & Comission any way to prejudice the priuiledges of ye Collony or of any Towne therin, by or for any sinister respects whatsoeu, And aboue[ ] thos select men are to draw vp o^{r} adress vnto his m̄a^{tie} in all humble manner by way of peticoñ in tearmes intreating of o^{r} dutifull prostracoñ at his royall feett, of o^{r}selues & services as becom̄eth ye humble subjects of so gratious a prince: As also to ꝑcure the Gen^{r} Recorders hand vnto ye s^{d} Adress in name & behalfe of ye Colony &c as also w^{tt} orders made touching the premises they shall see fitt to be transcribed & ye Copies giuen to ye s^{d} Gentlemen or men imployed to England, & thos Copies to be signed by ye Recorder, As also y^{t} those select men do desire y^{t} thos of ye Towne of warrwick who haue the keeping of ye manuscript being the subjects of the narragansitt Jndians vnto his majesty will deliuer the same to bee | also | sent for ye vse of the Collo[ ] by

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by o^{r} agent or Agents to England, And [ ]y C[ ]er y^{t} is the [ ]sons of each Towne intrusted to gather the Contribucoñs abouesaid do see it necessary y^{t} two Gentlemen be sent [ ]mised account for England, that then if well affected ℘sons will contribut to make vp | in | all [ ] to say: 127$^{£}$: i0^{s} of Nuport: 60$^{£}$: of Prouidence, & 60$^{£}$ of Portsmouth as also: 52$^{£}$: i0^{s}: of warrwick, it is by the Cort Comitted to y^{e} care of y^{e} sd gentlemen to do what may be most sutable in y^{t} matter as also the Cort ordereth y^{t} a list be taken of y^{e} names & summs of such as contribut y^{t} they may be put vpon record to declare it to such as may therby be encouraged & excited to foll[ ] such good examples for their princes seruice & their Countries wellfare: And further ye Cort declars y^{t} the Gentlemen of each Towne appointed to giue instructions to ye Agent or Agents y^{t} are to goe for England, & to draw vp the humble address to his ma^{tie} &c are named 3 of a Towne & thoss three or any two of y^{m} attending ye matters in all expedient season are impowred to do all thos things ℘taining to the premises & to sett their hands vnto all instrum^{ts} saue such as the Recorder is before ordered to signe: And such their proceeds shall be Authentick &c. The ℘sons appointed are namely for Prouidence m^{r} Wm Feild m^{r} Rog̃: Williams & m^{r} Zachery Rhodes for Portsm^{o} m^{r} Baulston, m^{r} John Roome & m^{r} John Porter, for Newport The President & Ben: Arnold & m^{r} Joseph Tory: For warwick m^{r} John Green m^{r} John Weekes & m^{r} Samuell Gorton sen^{r}, & at least 2 of those 3 nominated for each Towne are appointed to meet altogether at Nuport to Consult & make some progress in ye matter at or before the 24th day of June now next ensuing ye date hereof & if occasion be to meet oftener, they are to appoint their owne time & ye place of their meeting: —

This is a true Copie by me Will Dyre who was desired by the Court to transcribe itt for expedecoñs sake:

The names of men nominated By ye Court The p^{r}sident; m^{r} Arnold, m^{r} Dyre, m^{r} Green, m^{r} Gorton, m^{r} Holden, m^{r} Roger Willi|ams|

The Courts of trialls upon the maine. are in the Gene^{ll} Assembly acts made in the yeare 1663: or 64; which sayd Courts acts are incloused in this papor: or were

[0153] This Writeing Witneseth an agrement made betweene Thomas Harris and Valentine Whitman on the on ℘tie, and John Whiple senior, Thomas Roberts, and Resolued Waterman on the other ℘tie, all of them Jnhabitantes of the Towne of Prouidence. That is to say that the said Thomas Harris, and Valentine Whitman, hath agreed With the said John Whiple, Thomas Robertes, and Resolued Waterman, to build vp and to mend vp the Bridge at Prouidence and theire agreement is that they shall mend vp that ℘t of the bridge that is downe in this manner following they are to make Timber worke in the forme of a square, diamond fashion

which shall serue in the steed of those two Tressells that are downe, and shall rare it vp in the riuer to make vp the Bridge and lay sufficient Gice ouer the said diamond vnto the other Tressells next it on both sides and to planke wth plankes vntill it be sufficiently planked and if there be not old plankes enough then to find plankes to fiunish it and to mend all the defects of the rest of the plankes that are faultye, and also to procure posts and railes and raile vp the Bridge where the defects are, and also to set vp new posts where they are wanting at the end of the Bridge as well at the owne end as the other, and theire Timber is to be carted by the Towne to the end of the said Bridge: and for theire paines and Labour about the p^r^mises the said John Whiple, Thomas Robertes, and Resolued Waterman shall haue ffourteene Powndes Ten shillinges, to be paid vnto them equally according to theire seuerall ℘tes in wheat at fiue shillings ℘ Bushell, pease at foure shillings ℘ Bushell, and Jndian Corne at Three shillinges ℘ Bushell and what peage is paid it is to be at sixteene ℘ penney white and eight a penney Black: vnto which Agreement they haue set to theire handes this six day of ffebruary 1664/1665. Also before these was signed Thomas Harris and Valentine Whitman hath ℘mised to gather vp the pay that is ℘mised towardes the mending vp of the said Bridge.

Thomas Harris seniur
Valentine Whitman

Witneses
Thomas Olney Senior
Discouered oln|e|y
James Olney

John Whippel senior
The marke. X of Thomas Roberts
Resolued Waterman

[0154] m^r^ Carpenter I pray faile mee not to provocke you Towne to pay mee my due from them which is fiue pound and on shillinge I stand in ned of Jndian Corne it will plesure mee if you suply mee if not I must take the best Course I Can to helpe my selfe of which I will not fàile according to the Prises of Law being therto nesessetated soe at presant I Rest your frend

James X Rogers gen̄ Sargant
his marke

march 7: 1665

I Joseph Torrey Expect to Reciue [ ]he sume of 30 shillings from your towne alsoe it will be best I thinke to pay it with sped in hopes of which I Rest

Joseph Torrey Recorder

march 7th: 1665/66

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These for m^r^ william Carpender Liuing at pautuxett in the Towne of providence

[0155] To m^r^ william ffeild Esquier These By uertue of a warrant from the gouernor to mee diricted These are in the name of his Maiestye to Requier you to

warne your Towne to make preparation for the geunerall asemble and Court of Election to be hald at Newport one wensday the third day of may now next Coming and in order thereto that the majestrats of your Towne Repaire to the sayd Court as allsoe that your Towne Choose 4 deputyes according to the Charter and send to the sayd Court in order to sitt in the asembly for manedginge the afaires of this Jurisdiction and that all the ffreemen within the Confines of your towne haue thor Leberty to Vote in Choyse of gouernor Deputye gouernor and asistants &c: which sayd Majestrates are to be Justies of the peace in the kings Prouince untill the king Plesuer be farther knowne

And farther by the athority aforesad you are Requir|ed|ed to Chouse fower abell men for Juriarers tow one the grand Jury and two one the Jury of trianes as is by order of Court Prescribed and them to send to the genuerall Court of trialles held at Newport abouementioned vpon the Eight day of may aforesayd hearof you may not fayle

giuen vnder my hand this 15 day of aprill 1665

James X Rogers geñ sargant
his mark

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for The Towne of providence

[0156] Prouidence the 4th of the 6 moneth 1665 we Gregory Dexter Robert Williams Richard waterman Thomas Olney being Chossen to end a difference betweene Adoniah Morris and Christopher Hawxhurst, we Judge that Christopher Hawxhurst, is to pay vnto Adoniah morris Administrator to Robte Morris, deseased 12 Bushell and a peck and ½ of Jndian Corne to be dd in at prouidence or SeaCunck als[ ] that the said Christopher shall pay for 3 dayes time spent in the sute-3s also for entering the Action and withdrawig of it-6d also for seargants fee in seruig the warrent xÿd beseds what Charges may | further | Jsue in the suite

Richard
waterman X marke /
Tho Olney.

Gregory Dexter.
Robert Willia[ ]

[0157] Mr Arthur Vener

Sr mÿ Respectt to yow thease few Lÿnes att present &c to desire yow to take some spedÿ Corse amongst ÿow to send me that which is due to me which is fiue pounds one shilling [ ] praÿ send me your; spedÿ answer for I will nott be fold anÿ Longer, for I do intend to Come & Areste your Treasurer Acquainte ÿowr Townes men with it yt so if thaÿ Can paÿ me some paÿ yt is Marchantable or sende me a bill to ye Gouerner which will bee Excepted will do, so I Rest [ ]ur Reall Louing freind & & Seruant

Roade Jland /

James Rogers

August 24: 1665

[0158] To mr william Carpenter mr Arther ffenner and mr John Browne or Either of Them being Justices of the peace in the Collony of Rhod Jland and providence plantationes or Kings province These greetting

By vertue of A warrant from The governor to mee diricted bearing date march th 5: 1665: 66: These are to giue you notice that you Repaire to newport on Tusday being the 27 day of this jnsta[ ] march Then and There to mett with the Rest of the Justices of the peace and farther you are to giue notice to your Towne That they Choose fowre able men to mett att the same time and place as deputyes for your Towne of providence to mett with the deputyes of the other Townes and ther as in a generall or Law makeing Asembly to acte and Transact what may be for the good and welfaire of the Collony hearof you may not faile

giuen vnder my hand This 7th: day of march $16\frac{65}{66}$

James X Rogers generall
sargant his marke

[0159] An act Touching freemen mad by the gennerall asembly of the Collony of Rhod Jland and providence plantations &c. may the Third 1665

grownded on the second proposall of his majestyes Commissioners to this Collony which proposall was as followet[ ] [ ]hat all men of Computent Estats and of Civell Conversation who [ ]cknowlidge and are obedient to the Civell majestrate Thought of [ ]offering Judgments may be admitted to be freemen and haue Lebertye [ ] Choose and to be Chosen officers both Civell and milletary

The Law followes

And farther This asembly in a due sence of his majestyes gratioues favour &c: to this Collony in the second of those fiue aboue written proposalles

[ ]e order Enact and declare that soe many of them that take the aforesd [ ]agment and are of Competent Estats Civell Conversation and [ ]dient to the Civell majestrate shall bee admitted freemen of this [ ]ollony vpon ther Exprese desire therin decla[ ]ed to the gennerall asembly [ ]her by them selues with saficient Testimonye of ther fittnes and [ ]uallificationes as shall by the asembly be deemed satisfactory or if [ ] the Chife offecer of the Towne or Townes wher They Liue they bee [ ]roposed and declared as aforesaid: And that none shall haue admition to vote for publicke officers or deputyes or Enjoy any previlidge of freemen till admitted by the asembly as aforesaid and ther [ ]ames Recorded in the gennerall Records of this Collony

an act of the gennerall asembly of Rhod Jland &c. may the 2: 1666

soe many of the Towne of providence in the Lest presented by ther Towne Clarke who are not alredye admitted are now admitted by this Court freemen of the Collony

[0160] Voated, and ordered as an Adition to the probate of wills, That in Case any person Dye intestate, and there be none of the kindred will administer, in Case the Towne Counsell of any of the Townes shall see cavse to apoynt an Adminisstrator, to Adminisster, Both the Counsell, and the Adminisstrator shall be Jndemnifyed, and the Adminisstrator shall be Lyable to pay Debts noe further then the Esstate of the person intesstate will make payment,

A trve Coppie of an order as an adition to the probate of wills, made in Gen^r Assembly october: 13: 1666:

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An Adition to ye probate of wills

[0161] To the Towne

Neighbours I desire that You would grant me Leave, for to Comon my Cattle, and cutt wood for firein, Timber for building, and fencing upon yor: Comon

John Whiple jun^r:

the 27th of octob^r 66

[0162] To whome these may concerne

Being required to render a count of what estate I Posesse of lands or cattell know ye that I haue a medow about 2 Shares yelding [ ] the most and best Seasons a bout | seuen | load of hay also of inclosed land a bout 3 akers of vacant land about 80 akers

Cattell younge and old eight one Horse one mare of Sheepe 40 Swine 3 these is so fare as I know a trew a count the 12th of the first month 1667

by me

Pardon Tillinghast

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To Nathaniell Watterman these

[0163] Prouidence 10. Feb. 166$\frac{7}{8}$ (so calld

Lo: Frjends & Neighbo^rs: vnto this Day ꝑt pleased y^e Towne to adjourn for y^e answering of y^e Bill of y^e Bridge & others: I haue Conferd with Sidrach Manton & Nath Waterman about thejr proposall, & thejr Result is that they Can not obtaine such a number as will joyne with them to vndertake ye Bridge vpon the hopes of Meadow

I am therefore bold after so many ankors Come | home | & so much trouble & long debates & deliberatjon: to offer, y^t if you please, I will (with Gods helpe) take this Bridge into my Care, & by ye moderate toll of Strangers of all Sorts | wch hath bene mentioned | will maintajne jt So long as it pleaseth God y^t I liue in this Towne

2 The Towne shall be free from all Toll only I desire one dayes work of one man in a year from euery family: but from those y^t haue teams & haue much vse of ye Bridge one dayes worck of a Man & Team, & of those y^t haue lesse vse, half a day,

3 I shall joyne with | any | of ye Towne more or few, who will venture their Labo^r with me for ye gaining of Meadow

4 I promise if it please God y^t I gaine Meadow in equall value to ye Towns yearly helpe I shall then release that:

5 I desire if jt please God to be with me to goe through Such a Charge & Trouble (as will be to bring this to a setled way) & then suddenly to take me from hence I desire y^t before | another | my wife & children if they desire it may engage in my stead to these Condicions.

6 Jf ye Towne please to Consent, I desire y^t one of yo^rselues be nominated to joyne with y^[ ] [ ]larke to draw vp ye writings

Yo^rs R. W[1]

(*Verso*)

To ye Towne of Providence Assembled

[0164] To m^r william Carpender m^r william harris and Cãpt Thomas harris Justices of the peace in his majestyes Collony of Rhod Jland and prouidence plantations &c: These greetting

By vertue of an order from the gouernor to mee diricted These are to giue you notice that you Call the freemen of your Towne together to make preparation for the Court of Election for gen offeces for the Collony that is to be at newport the first wensday in may next Ensueinge and that all your freemen doe then and ther appeare Either parsonally or by ther vots sealled vp in your Towne metting of or before on of the Justices of the peace of | your | Towne &c: you are alsoe in your Towne metting to Chouse fowre able men for deputyes to sitt and acte in the gen asembly that is to sitt at newport the wensday aforesaid and farther you are to Elect and Chouse fowre able men to atend the Court of Trialles that is to be held at newport the first munday next Ensueing the first wensday in may next then and ther to searue one the Juryes two on the grand Jury and two on the Jury of Triares hearof you may not faile

giuen vnder my hand as my order This 3th day of aprill 1667

James X Rogers gen sarga[ ]
his marke

Your sellues are allsoe to sitt as Justices of the peace in the Court of Election aforesaid

[1] Roger Williams.

[0165] may 1667 the 10 day the land of Joh Whippell Seniar in the fifti Akers devetion the land li in north and Sovth the leangth ayte Scoare poles and Six Scoare polle at the north ind and fowar Scoare polle at Sowth ind by wenasketukit river the Sowther most Cornar a whit oke the norard Cornar a Small roack ranged with a greet whit oke three or fowar poll from the roack the | estar | Cornar a whit oke the Sowth est Cornar by the river a black oke

be it mor or les laid by me
Thomas Harris Savaire

(*Verso*)

may 1667 the land of m^r Sayls layed ovt aCordin to ordar betwene the to lins his fifti Ackars in that devetion it liin | in | the playne by Joh browne his fifti Ackars the langth Seven Scoare pools the bredth Six Scoar and and fowar polls the Sowth | est | Cornar a whit oke in the path of Swansecut the Sowth | west | Cornar in a Soamp ner a rvn a whit oke the north Cornar in the rang of John browne a black oke thes nerest Cornar next the towne on a hell of roackes bein a pinn tree

layed owt by me Tho Harris Savaire

[0166] may 1667 the 2 day the land of m^r Roager Williams was layed ovt ffifti Ackar in that devetion betwen the to lins in viounk|keg| felld a hundered pol loang and fowar Scoare poll broad the Soamp esttarly from the felld the est Cornar a Chesnout tree the norther Cornar a whit oke the sowthar Cornar a whit oke the westar Cornar a whit oke the norther ind neare the Seven mile devidin line

Tho Harris Savaire
this | line the Soamp

may 1667 the land of John browne layed out betwene the to lins in the fifti akers devetion in a valle by a path goin to Soansacut by a meddo neare the path ayt Scoare polle loaang and fifti polle broad the northest Cornar a blak oke marked thes norther Cornar a read oke the Sowtherd Cornar a ledg of roakes the wst Cornar an oke by a Swomp by me Tho Harris

Savaire

(*Verso*)

may 1667 the land of Tho Harris his fifti Ackars rite in this devetion betwen the Safoen mil lin and the fowar mill line it liin on the hea[ ]er Sid of Settemeechevt heall part on the heall toward | the | Riavear ayt Scoare polle long and fifti broad mor or less the Sowth Cornar a whit oke in the sid of a ovld indian feld the norter Cornar a green oke almost atoap of the heall the norther Cornar along the riaver a Ashen tree and Joyne in to the land of Tho harris Juniar at p|a|gea-Coag the other Cornar a tree that John feld had marked for his Cornar which now is my Cornar it being not far from the riavear it being the nerest Cornar along the riavear to Josph wises farme

layed out by me Tho harris Savaire

[0167] fifti Akars

may 1667 the 20 day the rite of Zachari Roads, 8 Scoare | in | langth and fifti pole broad liin with in the long Soamp on the rith end of the wai goin to william hoakinses The Sowth west Cornar a whit oke the norther most Cornar a mapel tree be a Soamp Sid, the est Cornar a green oke & the Sowth|est| Cornar a Ashen tree

by me Tho harris Savaire

(*Verso*)

the land of Jane powar layed owt acordin to ordar in may 1667 the 11 day on houndered Ackars or to shars ayt Scoare polle in langth it liin est and west the brdth a houndered poll a the Sowth west Cournar part in Tho Roabards a Jane powar and So the Southermost end doth goyne | to Tho Robard | the norther Cor a white oke a black oke Cornar Sowth and be west

it bein mor or les layed owt by mee

Tho Harris Savaire

may 1667 the 9 day the land of William harris in this fifti Ackar devetion was layed ovt in a valle on the northest Sid of notaconcanit river nerr Settemechevt heel the Sowth ind a brook runin to the rivear a houndered polls long and fowar Scorr poll broad the Sowt Cornar by the rivear a Ashen tree the |nor|wesstar Cornar by Settemecheut hell, | a blak oke | by the rever a roack the west Cornar a whit oke at the west sid of a mapel Svoamp

be it mor or les by the the lins laid owt by me

Tho harris Savaire

(*Recto*)

may the | 10 | 1667 [ ]and of Tho ffeld layed ovt the fifti Aker [ ]ti on his rite being one sheare and a halfe it liin on a hell nor ward from John Strre Seven Scoore pols loang a hundered broad mor or les the | norther Cornar | marked with a blak oke the, esttar Cornar with a whit oke the Westtar Cornar a white oke the Sowthermost Cornar a Chenout tree nere a Somp on the Sid toward John Steers

layed owt by mee Tho harris Savaiar

may 1667 the 11 day the land of Thomas Roabards layed ovt a hovndered Akars ayt Scorre poll in langth and a houndared in bread mor or les it liin est and west a whit oke Cornar on the est Sid of a branch of wenasketukit a green oke the northar Cornar the South Cornar next Tho ffeld the west Cornar a whit oke that Cornar by Tho ffeld the line [ ]

by mee [ ]ho Harris [ ]vaire

(*Verso*)

The land of william venson

may 1667 the 15 day a Cordin t[ ] ordar a fifti Aker rit of land laid [ ]ut in that devition on the | left hand of the waie gooin to william hoakins nere the middel of the waie 8 Scoar poll in langth and fifti polle | mor or les | broad the Sowther Cornar a Chesnovt tree the norther Cornar a black oke the nor esttar Cornar by the wai Sid as a bouessaid a greene oke the Sowthest Cornar another tree

by mee Tho Harris laid out Savaire

[0168] To ye hon^rd^ Gen: Assembly of Rode Jland & ye rest of Prouidence Plantatjons assembled at Newport.

ye humble Remonstrance & peticion of ye Towne of Providence, humbly sheweth That in a particular Controuersie (some weekes since) betweene Resolued Waterman o^r^ Constable & Andrew Harrjs, about a small piece of Medow, a speciall Warrant was giuen by Wm Harris & Wm Carpenter to an Extraordinary made Constable Tho: Harris to bring before themselus, Resolved Waterman, John Angel & John field, for a Riot in mowing ye aforesaid Meadow: This warra|nt| was serued by ye Extraordinary Constable aforesajd on our ordinarie Constable Resolved Waterman &c as they Came peaceably from thejr Worck (in ye Kings high way) who were Caried before Wm Carp: & Wm Harris, & so kept prisoners y^t^ day & y^t^ night, & ye next day to thejr owne great Grievance & dammage, & ye amazement & great grievance of ye Generalitie of this whole Towne

Now May jt please this hon^rd^ Assembly: as We desjre ye Suppression of all rjotous & forceable proceedings & to End all our Differences (between Man & Man by frjendly Arbitracion, or by ye trjall | & Judgment | of our peers, so can we not Suffer ye abuse of his Maties name & Authoritie in these & other particulars.

First y^t^ the vsuall Libertie of English Men, in Choosing thejr Justices, before whom to be Examined, should be abridged as vnder the Coulour of Some high Crime ags^t^ his Matie, as was done in this Case.

2^ndly^ y^t^ small & ordjnary Contests (of wch there are multitudes (betweene Man & Man) should be wound vp, by ye vtmost Rigour of Law to be high Crjmes ag^st^ ye Kings Matie:

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3: That ye Extraordjnary priviledge of Making a Constable, in some Extraordjnarie Cases Should be vsed in small Matters, so as to through out his Maties ordinary Constable, yea & to hurrie him from his family & his Maties Service out of ye Towne, to a Remote prison, & this nejther for murther nor Treason, nor any Such high Crjmes wch may haue Some Coulo^r^ of Calling for Such Extraordinary Courses.

We pray this hon^rd^ Assembly to provide by Some order y^t^ ye Kings Name & Authoritie be not so cheape & base, as to be made a stalking horse to Mens private Ends & passions Nor his Maties Subjects so oppressed in thejr persons & Liberties

Yo^r humble s^rvants & petitionrs ye Towne of Pro|v|jdence, on our vsual quarter day in his Maties Name assembled

Providenc July 27 : 1667 (So·Calld

Sidrach Manton, Towne clurk

in ye name & at ye Appointm^nt of ye Towne of Providence[1]

(*Verso*)

The peticion of ye Towne of Providence to ye Gen^ll: & Assembly of Rode Jland & ye rest of Providence Plantatjons. /

[0169] To ye honored William brenton Esquire, Governor of ye Collonÿ off road iland & providence plantations &c /

The Humble pettition off ye towne off warwicke, humbly sheweth

That wee Cannott but take spetiall Notice, off yor good Care off the government off this colloñÿ, which hath been ye moor flustrated, bÿ ye contrarÿ deportment off others, in ye time off your nesesarÿ absence, the Effects wheroff, Ar licke to prove so pernitious, as to bring ye whole collon^- vnder shame, Jff not prevented, by ye speedÿ help off a Generall Assemblÿ, the consideration wheroff, imbouldens vs, ye townsmen off warwicke, To request yor honored selfe, ffor ye calling off a generall Asemblÿ, And Jff it may be at ye towne off portsmouth in march next /

i Wee haue heer vnto Anexed, thes |En|suing motives ffirst because, some ill affected persons, to ye government as vndewlÿ permitted, to Officiate in high place /

2^lÿ Because, Justice was barred ye last court of Trÿalls, vnder a ffalse pretence /

3^dlÿ That iff it be posible, some serious course may bee taken, to prevent such outrages As haue been comitted, (by burrning of) or demollishing ffences, disorderlÿ /

4^thlÿ That some serious course may be taken, ffor record to be maid, off ye last Generall Asemblÿes, (Asembling) & causing ye recorder to read ye coppie off ye pattent, And to put a stop, to other vndew proceeds, iff anÿ bee /

5^thlÿ That as much as in vs Lyeth, some serious Course maÿ be taken, To preserve ye former Equall ꝑiveledges, off ye ffreemen, by keeping ye Courts orderlÿ, at ye severall Townes, which maÿ encourage Jurors to Attend, and prevent, factious courses, And be a meanes Too further, ye Execution off Justice &c /

Signed by ye order & apointment off a ffull towne meeting, noe man discenting /

dated the ffift of Januarÿ 1668 — Edmund Calverley Towne Clerke

[1] This instrument is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

ROGER WILLIAMS' LETTERS.

Providence Town Papers, 0163.

[0170] Gentlmen & Loving Neibours

According Too ye order of our Towne of warwicke bearing date ye fift of January 1668 Jmpowering & apointing mee to draw a petition to our honored Governor of ye Colloñÿ of road iland &c for ye Calling of a Generall asemblÿ vppon ye severall reasons then agreed vpon by ye towne, And allso apointing mee after it was drawene too comunicate ye same to ye towne of portsmouth & providence in order to haue their concurance therin which ye towne Judge to be an orderlÿ course Therfore I haue heer inclosed sent you a Coppie of ye said petition praying yor concurance therin and so soone as you cann I desire yor Answer That I maÿ aquaint our towne with ye same /

so I | rest & | take leave To remaine yor Loving freind /

Edmund Calverleÿ Towne Clarke

Warwicke the 22th off Januarÿ 1668

(*Verso*)

Thes ffor ye Towne of providence to be opened & read in a towne meeting about vrgent affaires that tend to ye peace of ye Collonÿ

deliver this to Sidracke manton towne Clerke of providence to procure an answer spedilÿ

[0171] this I certainly afirme that to my knowledg daniel Comstock ann Comstockes son now dwelling with m^r wilam Carphender is the next mail [ ]elue yers old the Begining of the month by me

mary pray

febuary 10 1667 or 68

[0172] Vpon the 29th day of May in ye yeare 168.

Layd out unto Thomas Patey about one acre & a quarter of land lieing & being within that tract of land called ye Neck & is chiefly lieing against the Easterne End of ye home shares of land which formerly belonged unto ye deceased Richard Scott & ye deceased Roger Williams; & also against ye Easterne End | of | the home share of land, or house lott belonging to Samuell Wright: and is adjoyneing unto ye south westerne part of ye said Thomas Patey his land: Jt being bounded on ye westerne part with a high way which lieth betweene ye said peece of land & ye aforementioned home shares of land; bounding on the Northerne part with ye land of ye said Thomas Patey, on the Easterne part with land layd out by Captaine Arthur ffenner to samuell Winsor, & on the southerne part with land formerly belonging to Daniell Browne, but now in the possession of samuell Winsor; As also allowed unto the said Thomas Patey one small peece of land Containeing | of | some few poles lieing within the said Thomas Patey his inclosed land & adjoyneing to ye southeasterne Cornner, & so part of the Easterne End of his said land; bounding on ye westerne side with

ye sd Thomas Patey his land, on ye Northerne End with ye land of Epenetus Olney, & on the Easterne side with ye sd Thomas Patey his fence. The said two percells of land being allowed unto ye said Thomas Patey to make him satisfaction for a foote way which goeth through his land in ye Neck where hee now dwelleth; to begin at ye south westerne part thereof & so to goe downe along his land, & to goe by ye westerne End of his house (which now is) & so out into the Comon at ye North Easterne part of his land. And also southard of ye said house away to turne Eastward out of ye aforesaid foote way to goe into ye high way which lieth Eastward or south Eastward of ye said Thomas Patey his house, & leadeth from thence towards the fferry place, called the Narrow passage; The sayd way through ye said Thomas Patey his land, being for a foote way only, And to be; & all along not to Exceede one pole in breadth.

Layd out ye day & yeare abovesaid

By me Thomas Olney Surveior

A Coppye True, as it stands upon Record in Providence towne book for Entry of deeds or land Evidences N^{o}: 1. & in Page 102.

Examined ℘ Tho: Olney Towne Clarke. /

(*Verso*)

A Coppye of A Record of land layd out to Tho: Patey. /

[0173] Hon: [ ]ends & Neighbours

This year there hath been many matters of publique Concernm^{t} both from abroad, & att home, which required ye Calling in of a Generall Assembly, but knowing y^{t} in hay & harvest time, it would not bee pleasing unto you to bee taken off from yor needfull imploym^{ts}. att such a time, & Considering y^{t} ye Court is by order of ye Charter to meet in October next, which may not bee omitted, ye Councill having mett & taken it into serious Consideration, ye Major part did judge, a Gen^{rll}: Assembly would hardly bee quietly Convened, Considering y^{t} there are so many differences & fears (att this instant) not only abroad, but also att home amongst our selves (which is worst of all) it makes mee afraid to thinke of ye sad Consequence thereof, for if a people or Countrey bee divided within itselfe how shall it stand, it's well knowne in some of our Townes, y^{t} when ye heads of a family are divided one against another, what great disorder there is in it, & then Consequently when Townes are divided one part against ye other, what Canne bee expected but devourings of one another, the Lord Jesus Christ & his Blessed Apostles did foresee this, & therfore did so often give this advice, that wee should endeavour to bee att peace with all men, & also amongst our selves, Christ foretells ye danger of being att variance one with another, & saith if a Kingdome bee divided within it selfe how shall it stand, Dear ffriends it is too usuall in these times amongst us, is there not envy, malice, & strife amongst us, wee may every

man examine our owne hearts & Conclude y^{t} where envy & strife is, it is becaus wee are Carnally minded, & do act & walke according to our fleshly lusts & Carnall wills, is not Sathan Stirring uppe & preparing this Malice & envy to bee putt forth one against another, this is pleasing to him, y^{t} wee are following ye lusts of ye flesh in accusing & Condemning one another, but how far Contrary is this from ye Love of God which looks y^{t} all things should bee donne in Love, & hee y^{t} loveth not his Brother abideth in Darkenesse, & hath not ye Love of God abiding in him, Dear ffriends my earnest request & hearty desire is, that (before ye meeting of ye next Gen^{rll}: Court,) you will all endeav^{r} to lay by all malice & malicious endeavours for ye destroying of one another, & so meet that every man may seeke the Good of his neighbour, thus desiring ye Lord by his Blessed Spirit to give you peace in himselfe, then will you (as many as love peace) bee att peace amongst yourselves, which is ye Earnest & hearty desire of.

Yo^{r} Unworthy Servant
William B[ ]enton Governor

Newporte ye 26th of August Anno Domini 1668

[0174] To ye honrd Govr & Councell at Newport, on Rode Jland ye humble Remonstrance & petitjon of ye Towne of Prouidence orderly assembled togeather humbly sheweth

That having bene informed, y^{t} Wm Harrjs, (not withstanding Mr Carpenters offer) js resolued to pursue his Charge of a Rjot &c ag^{nst} so many of our honest & jnnocent Neighbo^{rs}: we thought jt our dutie (being orderly met according to Law) for ye honour of Truth, ye hono^{r} of his Matie, & ye peace of his Maties Loyall & peaceable subjects, (now most vnjustly & insolently oppressed) to present these few lines to Yo^{r} prudent Consideratjons: first, as to ye Accusers: 2, as to ye Accusatjon & ye Accused.

First as to ye Accusers First all of them joyntly Wm Carpenter, W^{m} & Tho: Harris, they pretend his Maties name & service, but jt js but a Mantle or Cloake to private Ends: For there are many Evidences, (Some while since giuen in to | an | honrd Assist^{nt} of this Colony) of thejr treacherous profession (& We justly suspect practices) of thejr treacherous minds agst his Maties gratjous Charter & Authoritie in this Colony, & ye Gov^{r}m^{nt} & Liberties of jt (all wch Evidences you may please to Command ye sight of)

2^{ndly}, as to one of them (& ye Jncendjarje of this & many other Troubles in Towne & Colony) Wm Harris, he now forceth vs to rememb^{r} y^{t} jt js about 1. | 24 | years since, he was disfranchised & Cast out from ye Assembly of his Neighbo^{rs} in Town Meeting, for assaulting a Neighbo^{r} & bloud shedding in ye Kings high way in ye streete, & for a furjous maintajning of such a practice: Tis true he hath thrust himselfe oft into our Meetings (though Some haue profest agst

jt) & So he did in our Last Years troubls, but ye truth js he intruded & vsurped, for he was neur orderly receaved in againe, since his disfranchisment vpon Record

2nd: Since y^{t} time he hath lived in ye Woods vntill ye year 1656 or there about, & (as Some of his Frjends haue often sajd) like another Nebuchadnezzar, not fit for ye Societie of Men: Where (while others spent themselus to vphold Towne & Colony) by means of a Mare got for a Meadow ye Towne gaue him, he got some horses & he lay barking at & biting, (as he Could) both Towne & Colony: But in y^{t} year aforesajd, he broke forth with an open flag of Defiance, vnder his hand writing to ye fowre Townes of ye Colony ag^{nst} all Civill Gov^{r}nm^{nt}, professing y^{t} jt would shortly be y^{t} people should Crie out No Lords, No Masters, saying y^{t} ye howse of Saul grew Weaker & Weaker (wch he all along in his booke interprets to be Cjvjll Gov^{r}nors & Gov^{rn}ments) & ye howse of David (y^{t} js Wm Harris & his Saints) stronger & stronger,: His booke js yet extant & trajterously vomits out his filth agst all Gov^{r}nm^{nts} & Governors (of what Rank soeuer,) att Lords & Masters, (ag^{nst} all Lawes, & Law making Assemblies, agst all Courts, all punishments, prisons, Rates, & | all | Records, as Thieus, Robbers, Hypocrites, Satyrs, Owles, (Courts of Owles) Dragons & Devills, & Souldiers, Legions of Devills: What were ye proceedings

(*Verso*)

of this Colonie agst all these his horrid practices, our Records declare, be openly professing before ye Country here at Newport, y^{t} he had nothing to Loose but an old Coate for ye Hangman, & he would maintajn his writings with his bloud, & for ought we haue heard ye Colonie neuer discharged him from ye Charge Exhibited ag^{nst} him

3. Since y^{t} tjme vpon hope of a great Lordship of Land, he hath tackt about, lickt vp his Vomit, ador'd (like Saul) as some haue told him) ye Witch at Endor, ye Laws & Courts & Charters wch before he damned; & turn'd his former trajterous practices, into 10 Years veratjous plauging & tormenting both Towne & Colony & ye whole Countrey, with Law, Law Sujts, & restles Fires & Flames of Law Contentjons.

4. We add to this (as Some of our Neighbo^{rs} did in thejr Character of him the Last year,) his Toung is as fowle as his pen with Constant & Loathsome Revilings of all y^{t} Crosse him (fool, Knaue, Rascall Jackanapes, Scoundrell &c None scape his djrt of Reproach & Threatnings, nor Some his Challenges to fight (yea with pistoll & Rapier,) yea euen then, when he protested against all Civill Courts & Weapons.

5. Jt js not forgotten, y^{t} ye Gen: Assembly of this Colony, this Last year, sensible of his practices, past a sharp Sentence on him, wch not withstanding, (though jt be impendent on him) as if he would dare ye Executjon, he proceeds in his furjous tormenting of his poor Neighbo^{rs}, with most vnjust & causeles Vexatjons.

1 Where in 2ndly, as to ye Accusatjon: First ye matter js about a Spot of Land yealding about 3 or 4 Load of Hay (as ye year js.)

2 The Clajm of this Spot Wm Harris got his son Andrew in a decejtfull way agst ye protests of Mr Fjeld, Mr Ony, Mr Carpenter himsellfe & ye rest of the purchasers (he forcing in a Company vpon them to whom he would giue Land:) His Cariage then was such yt Mr Fjeld was forced to charge ye Constable to keepe ye peace: This Spot was Since Lajd out (by ye Major Consent of ye purchasers) to Resolued Waterman who offering in a legal way to try ye title, & peaceably Cutting of jt he & his Neighbors are now thus oppressed as Rebells agst his Matie.

3 Andrew Harris Confest to mr Green Assistnt, yt Resolued Waterman vsed no force, only he had Cut his Medow, wch amounts to no more in Law then Common actional cases: And ye Warrant of Wm Harris giuen to his Extraordjnary Constable (Tho: Harris) to aprehend Resolued Waterman for a Riot, We judge voyd in Law allso, he standing a delinquent (many wayes vpon record, & therefore was most justly refused by our Gor to be by him ingaged, or Sworne to be a Magistrate, to wch jt js true, he had an inconsiderate Vote, from his vnadvised partie on the Jland, to ye great grievance of ye Townes on ye Majn, on whom ye Jland partie would force him:

4 We herewith present you with a Copie of ye Townes mind, & request, prepar'd & ordred (a Month Since) to be presented to ye next Gen: Assembly, being a petition for a Redresse, agst these oppressions, where, ordinary, Actional & pettie Matters, are by Subtle Quirks from old statutes (without Reference to our Lawes & Jndulgence by his Maties gracious Charter to vs) wound & Scru'd vp to an high Crime agst his Matie whose Name js most abominably abus'd for private Ends

(*Recto*)

5 Mr Greene assistnt (Sollemly Sent for by themselus,) after Long debate, declared, yt he found no Rjot nor any force in the whole Cariage, nor no vncivil or vnbeseeming Cariage in Providence Men, now thus vnjustly charged.

Jn Consideracion of ye premises, We humbly pray First yt you will please to Stop Such Shamefull abuse of his Maties Name & Authority, & Such Shamefull oppression of his Maties Loyall & peaceable Subjects.

2ndly Yt Yor honrd Selues, will please to assist our humble petition to ye next Gen: Assembly, yt Mr Carp: Wm & Tho: Harris who haue thus shamefully abused his Maties name & oppressed his Subjects, be rendred vncapeable to be chosen to any further publike Employmt, vntill they haue giuen publike Satisfactjon, & be orderly released from Such a Sentence.

3 Yt ye Sentence of ye Gen assembly agst Wm Harris be no | Longer | protracted, for all Men See, yt Jndulgence & Lenitie js but as Oyle powred vpon | his | firiey Contentjous Spirit Wch makes him flame ye higher.

4 We pray Yo^{r} Countenance & Assistance to o^{r} Gen: Sollicito^{r} to proceed Legally with Wm Carp: W^{m} & Tho: Harris for thejr treacherous Speeches (& We Suspect Actions) agst his Maties gracious Charter, & ye Liberties, & Go^{r}m^{nt} & priviledges wch jt hath pleased God & ye King (to ye Envy & Astoneshment of all our Neighbo^{rs},) So wonderfully to bestow vpon vs:

Yo^{r} Most humble Servants & petition^{rs}
Shadrach Manton Towne Clarke,[1]

in y^{e} Name & at y^{e} Appointm^{t} of the Towne of Prouidence. /

Providence 31 of August 1668 /

[0175] To the Towne asembled this 8th of march $\frac{68}{69}$

Neighbors wheras the ℙsentation by our neigh̃ & Constable Resallued Waterman desiring Aduice Concering Some Paℙs Relating to Distraint, Was ordered to be presented to the next Gener^{ll} Asembly, and the Care therof Refered vnto me, I hering of a Generall Asembly to be held this week. and vnwilling to doe anything wherin yo^{rs}selues are Concerned without your aduice therfore doe desire you woold please to Direct me to whot Gen^{rll} Asembly the said ℙsentation Shall be presented by which you will more oblidge

Your neibor̃ and Seruant Shadrach Manton.

[0176] Honrd: ffriends

Jn hopes of releif from ye great wrongs & oppressions y^{t} I have mett with in ye Towne of Newport these three years past (in plucking downe my fences ten times, & in burning it severall times to my great damãge, & ye hazard of ye Losse of my Cattle, it being ye fences of my meddows belonging to my farme att Hamersmith, which fences were in Length about one hundred & forty Rodds), I have written severall times to ye towne of Newport desiring some redresse, but not finding any, I writt to ye Gen^{rll} Assembly in October Last, & also to ye rest of the Townes, but finding no releif from either, makes mee thinke there may bee some further designe to burne my hous or destroy my family, for prevention whereof I am Constrained to seek out for some shelter, untill I Canne finde releif from ye higher power, or from ye Lord who will in his due time releive ye oppressed, & punnish ye oppressors, Gentlemen, meeting with these discouragements, & I being very sensible of my owne age, & weakenesse in attending Courts att ye times appointed, being many times Constrained to wait two or three hours without any appearance, or very few, not so many as will make uppe ye number to keep a Court, many more grievances I Could mention, these are sufficient to Caus mee to refuse to bee Longer in publicque office, having already mett with so much damage & disgrace, my request is y^{t} you will timely Consider & pitch on some other person y^{t} may bee more serviceable to y^{e} Colloney, for (if I Live) before

[1] This instrument is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

y^e time of y^e sitting of y^e Generall Assembly, I shall bee out of y^e Colloney, thus desiring yor peace and prosperity, I take Leave & Remain,

Hamersmith in Newport
y^e 15th day of March 166$\frac{8}{9}$

Gentlemen,
Yo^r ffrie[ ]d & Servant
[ ]illiam Brenton

(*Verso*)

To my Loving ffriend Capt. Arthur ffennor of the Towne of Providence, to bee Comunicated to all in that Towne y^t Love peace & in their hearts seek it. & endeavour after it

These
Presents

[0177] To be payd unto John whiple Junior for atending at a gennerall Assembly (a deputy for the Towne of providence) at a Court of Election held in May in the yeare i669, for 14 dayes at 3 shillinges ℔ day 2^lb 07^s – 00^d and this to be payd acording as the Law requires

This two & forty Shillings due to bee payd by the The Town of Providence according to Law. Signed in Court

Benedict Arnold Modert

(*Verso*)

A Bill for atending may Court: 69:

[0178] To the Towne mett

I desire that the Towne would take Som Care about ffenncing in of oure neck with all Speed as may be it being Great damage to the Towne that it is not don before now

January: 27th: 1670: Georg Way: :

[0179] To the tounde of Prouidence: I desier that I may haue Alowanse for the hey way taking ovte of my salte maddow one the other side of the brige

Janwary the 27th 1670 Richard Watterman

The Assembly to bee at ye Towne of Warwick this [ ] for Weighty reasons swaying with my selfe & the Majestrats of Newport:
Be[ ]dict Armo[ ]

[0180] To Mr William Carpenter, Mr Roger Williams & Mr Thomas Olny Junior Gen^rll Assistants at Providence or either of Them These Greeting

You are hereby in his Maties name required by vertue of a Warrant vnto mee directed from the Governo^r of this his Maties: Colony to giue timely notice for the assembling of your Towne to choose and send such and soe many men as by Law is appointed to serue as Deputies to sitt wth the Governo^r and Assistants in generall Assembly for transacting the Colony affaires now Emerging &c at Warwick vpon Wednesday next being the nine & Twentieth day of this Jnstant Moneth as alsoe the Majestrates are to bee [ ]t and to act in the said Assembly at ti[ ] and place prefixed: hereof you may not faile

Given vnder my hand June 24th: 1670

James X Rogers Gen^rll. Ser[ ]^t
his marke.

[0181] Att a Towne meetting July 27th i670 it being the Townes quater Day, m^r Jo^n: Sayles Chosen modderater, vo^t it is granted unto Tho: olney: Senr to Chang 25 acres of land which he bought of m^r Williames by the Right of Jo^n: Clowsen voated it is granted unto Jo^n: Browne that he may Change 3 acres of land which lieth in the neck,: voated [ ]hat Tho: Robarts may Change his land in neck which is 2: acres and a halft,: John A Att a Towne meeting ordred for the future that all acompt that are returned into the Towne, and Conserne the Towne Shall be entred into a booke for that use on purpose to be kept, and that any person that hath Brought in any acompt to ye Towne and may affterward haue occasion for any Coppie of account or accountes out of the booke that hee may haue them upon the Townes Charge and Cost Jt is granted unto Epen^s: olney that his land be recorded liing on the west Side of the gret Swamp which is 3 acres more or les: it is granted unto Epentu^s: olney that a Swamp laid out to him for 3 acres and halft mor or lese by the Siurveiors of this Towne be recorded, Att a Towne meet. [ ] Nicholas power be entred

(*Verso*)

Jn may i670 I helped nathaniell waterman Aleuen days and he helped me one, the other tenn days Com to 1 — 10 — 0

Receiued of nathaniell waterman, corting Rodes: Received of Nathaniell waterman halfe a quier of papor: I helped Andrew Harris a Leauen dayes about his howse: I Receiued of andrew Harris in peage 00 – 05 – 04

Receiued of Shadrach manton october. and nouember 1670 : 2 quarts of liquar the prisse 00 – 03 – 00 :
for Triming of Shadrach manton one Yeare : 0 – 6 – 0

[0182] Att a Quarter Court July the 27th 1659 mr ffeild modderatr :
This Day John Whipple Senr : is Receiued into the Towne a purchaser ;
A true Coppie. Coppied July 29th : 1670 ꝑr me John Whipple junr Clerke of the Towne of povidence : /

About ye midle of nouember, in the yeare i660, Laid out unto John Whipple Senior, at the place Called Loquasqussuck; by William Carpenter Towne Deputye. / of upland Sixty acres, Twenty acres; Six acres, ffiue acres; for a home share ffiue acres, of meadow Two Shares; The Said upland and meadow lieing all in one percell, Jt being laid out unto him for his Towne Right as he is a purchaser: The upland Lieing in Length ways north Eastwardly and South westwardly; Jt Bounding on the South west End partly with the aforsaid meadow, on the no|r|th East End with the Comon; on the north westerne Side partly with the land of Vallintine whittman and partly with the Comon, a Small Brook parting the land of the Said Vall: whittman and the said John Whipple; on the South Easterne Side with the Comon; The norwesterne Corner Bounded by an Elme Tree marked on the Three Sides it standing by the aforsaid brooke: Side the saide Tree being allso a deuision betwene the Said Vall: witman, & the Said John whipple; on the north East Corner by a white oake Tree marked on Three sides it haueing a Chessnutt Tree standing Close by it on the north East Side of it; on the South Easterne Corner with a white oake Tree marked on two Sides; on the South westerne Corner with a Redd oake Tree marked on foure sides; and So to runn westward to a poynt of Rocks butting upon moshossick Riuer, the South westerne End of the Sayd upland is also partly bounded with the meadow of the aforsaid Vallentine Whittman:

(*Verso*)

A Coppie which Conserneth Jon : Whiple Senr

[0183] Newport On Rhoadisland ye 12th of August 1670
To Mr Steephen Arnold Captaine Arthur ffennor & Mr Joseph Jenkes | generall | Assistants in providence Or to Either of them : thes. /
Gentlemen /
By vertue of a warrant to me directed vnder ye hand of mar : peleg sanford Esquir Governor of his maiesties Collony of Rhode Jsland & providence plantations dated ye 11th instant Comanding me therin, to send fforth warrants to all ye townes in this Collony, in order to ꝑpaire ffor ye next Generall Court of tryalls,

to be held ffor said Collonÿ, ye first tusday in September next, And ffor ye Generall Assemblÿ of said Collonÿ, whoe Are to sitt ye last wensdaÿ in october next &c, And both said Courts ar to be keept, at ye house off henerÿ palmer in sd newport /

Thes Are therefore in his maiesties naime to desire ÿou, or ssome of ÿou to Call ye ffreemen of yor towne together; And theÿ being mett, ther to Chuse, so manÿ persons of yor towne, Qualified Acording to Law, to serve on ye Grand Jurÿ | & petteÿ iurÿ | As bÿ Law ÿou have right to Chuse, & send | them | to ye sd generall court of tryalls at the time & place Afforesaid Allso in ye meeting of yor sd townsmen ÿou Are to Chuse So manÿ Able persons, out of yor townsmen, to be deputÿes ffor ÿo^r towne, as bÿ Law ÿou Are Authorized to Chuse, And send them to y^e sd generall Asemblÿ on y^e day & Att y^e place aforesd / then & ther to Act & transact | in | such waightie Affaires, As maÿ tend to y^e honour of his maiestie, & y^e wellfaire of this Corporation into which | generall | Asemblÿ I doe hearebÿ sommon All y^e Generall Councill to Apeare /

ffarr = well. / saith yor servant /

postsript / Edmund Calverleÿ Generall sargent.

I doe warne yor towne Clarke & yor towne Sargent not to ffaÿle of giveing warning to those whom yo^u Elect And Also to make returne to me, or y^e recorder of y^e naimes of those ÿou Chuse / which will save ÿo^r ffÿnes

Edm: Calverley generall sargent

(*Verso*)

ffor ye towne of providence Thes

[0184] To m^r Willm̃: Carpenter Gen^ll: Asistant for ye Towne of Providence

Wheras ther are urgent occassions Emerging for deu provission to be Speedyly made for Conferring ye peace and Safty of this Collony, Therfor, /

By verteu of a warant from ye Governor you are in his majesties name Required to Choose and send in to ye Generall Assembly to be houlden at Newport on Thursday ye thirteenth day of october now next Enseuing such and so many ꝑson, as by Law are allowed for yor: Towne to Choose and Returne to sitt in Gener^ll: Assembly as aforesd, and y^t the majestr[ ]es may also haue notice to attend and sitt as members of ye sd Assembly //

You are also in his majesties name Required to p^rpare for ye Generall Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport aforesd upon wednesday ye 19th of October aforesd by orderly Chooseing and sending to ye sd Court such and so many as by Law yor: Towne is appoynted to send to serve on ye Grand jury, and such and so many as apoynted to serve on ye jury of Tryalls or Petty jury //

And further you are by ye foresd Authority Required to p^rpare for ye Generall

Assembly (which by ye Charter is ordered to sitt at Newport aforesd upon ye Last wednesday in october above mentioned) by electing such and so many ℘sons as your Towne above mentioned is allowed to send in to sitt as Deputies from yor: Towne together with ye majestrates to Transact the affairs of this Corporation according to his majesties Gracious Grant in That Respcct

Given under my hand this 19th of Sept 1670 James Rogers Gen^ll Sargent
his X marke

(*Verso*)

for the Towne of Providence

[0185] To the Towne of providence

ffor as much as by our Law conveniencye of wayes to mens Landes are not to be obstructed: but away to my meadow at observation is denied me by Tho: walling, my Request is therefore that the Towne would apoynt a man or 2 to State a way for a comon high way that so free recourse may be without obstruction

Tho: Olney jun^r

October the i^st i670 /

[0186] At a Towne metting: 1th: of october 1670: Mr William Carpenter Chosen moderater: Chosen for Deputyes to Serue in the Generall Assembly, to be Held at newport at the Howse of Capt: Richard Moris, on the Thirteene Day of october next Ensueing, are as ffolloweth,

M^r Jo^n: Sayles: m^r Tho: Harris Senr, m^r Tho: Burden, & m^r Shadrach manton Chosen Deputys to Serue in a Gener^ll: Assembly to be Held at Capt: Richard moris his House at newport upon the last Wednesday in october 1670: are Viz^tt: Jo^n Sayles: Tho: Harris Senr: Tho: Burden Shadrach manton /

Chosen to Serue upon a Grand Jury at a Gener^ll: Court of Tryalls to be held at newport, the last wednesday in october Saue one: which is the: 29: day of the month: are as followeth, Jo^n: Sayles: Andrew Harris,

Chosen to Serue upon the Jury of Tryalls to be Held at newport: the 19: day of october: 1670: are as ffolloweth, Jo^n: Whipple Senr: & Jo^n: whipple jun^r

Voated by the Towne that the Returne | of ffive acrs | of Land | layd out | by Tho: Oleney jun^r: | Sirveior | unto Tho: Olney Senr: upon the 8th day of August i670, it bordring upon & Adjoyneing to the Easterne Side of Sixty acrs of Land belonging to John Whiple jun^r: neere unto Loquasquass|uck| be Recorded in [ ] Records ordered that John whiple jun^r & Tho: Harris jun^r doe [ ] to Tho: walling And debate the matter with him, about h[ ] olney jun^r; and hindring him having Recou[ ] & to make returne of his answere to the Towne [ ] a noate from the Towne upon that acoant, [ ]

[ ] De[ ]

[0187] Octob^{r} ye 27th 1670
I desire The Towne to Grant my 25 acroe Right may be made Vp a full Purchass Right

John Smith Sei

[0188] To ye Towne mett this 27th of octob^{r} 1670
I Request ye Towne to grant me a Purchass Right your Neighb^{r}

Samuell Whipple

Also that my 25 acroe Right which I bought of M^{r} paine which was ye Widdow Mowrys may be made vp a full purchas Right

Sauell Whipple

[0189] To ye Towne of Prouidence Now Assembled this 27th of October: 1670: I hauing about ten years Since Desired of this Towne to Grant me a purchass Right my Bill not being then answered by Reason of a pretended Stop to any further Grants of that Sort yet others Since Receiued I therfore now desire the Towne woold be pleased to accomadate me with a purchass Right by which you | shall | more obliege your Neigb^{r}:

Nathaniell Waterman

(*Verso*)

To the Towne Mett

[0190] To the Towne I desire that my two: 25 Acres Rights may be made up purchass Rights,
octo^{r}: 27: 1670: Tho: Arnold Senr:

[0191] To the Towne my desire is that I may be Receiued a purchasser
october the 27: 1670: John Whipple Junr

[0192] October ye 27th: 1670:
To The Towne Now Assembled
I Request ye Towne to Grant me to have my 25 acroe Right | mad vp | a full purchass Right your Neighb^{r}:

John Joanes.

(*Verso*)

To the Towne
I desire to Change 16 acres of Land lieing about the Cramberey pond neere pautuckett river by the valey called Reighnolds his valley:

Tho: Arnold Senr

ffeburarey the 13. 70: 71,

[0193] To the Towne mett this: 27th: of octo^{r}: 1670: neighbors my Request is, that the Towne would grant me that my: 25: Acres Right which I bought of

John Scott, may be made up a purchass Right being willing to Subcribe to the Townes orders, Lenard Smith:

[0194] To the Towne mett octo^{r}: 70: I desire to be made purchasser.
To the Towne James Olney:
I desire I may be made a purchasser: octo^{r}: 70 Eliazer Whipple

[0195] This deede made the one and thirteen [ ] of may in the Yeare of our Soueraigne Lord and Sauiour Jesus Christ, one thousand Six[ ] hundred and Seaventie, 1670.

Witnesseth that I William Arnold of pa|v|tuxit for good Considerations being thereby moued hereto, [ ]aue granted and Sould past and made ouer unto [ ]enry fouler Senior; all that parcle and portion [ ] meadow and Tussikey ground that is mine [ ]ying neere masshapauge betwene the like medo[ ] or tussikey Land that was once m^{r} Roger Willia[ ] on the north parte therof; and the like meadow or tussikes of William Carpenter on the South par[ ] therof; as also a little hill or knowle lying abou[ ] the Said meadow betwene it and the affore Said lan[ ] or meadow of William Carpenter well knowne there by marks and Bounds; All Which Said premises with the Apurtenances are now in the hands, tenner, vse, and occupation of the Sayd Henry fouler, To haue and to hold all and Singular the Said demised premisses, to him his Heires and Assignes for Euer, and that the Said Henery fouler his heires and Assignes Shall [ ] all Sufficient Egreese and regreese to Com an[ ] to any of the Said premisses Without the let [ ] hendrance or Deniall of me mine heires or Assignes; Jn Witnes where of I hereunto Set my Hand and Seale

Signed Sealed and Deliuered [L S]
in the presents of viz William
Thomas Hopkins X his marke A[ ]
Senior
William Hopkins

This Deede Enroled Julÿ 29th day [ ] ꝑ^{r} me John Whipple juneior Clerke of the Towne of providence: [ ]

[0196] To the Towne of Prouidenc now asembled at a Quarter Courte this twentey seuen: day of Jeneurary 1670 or 71.

I vnder stand that sume haue intended to put in bills to this Court ffor land Where ffoar I thought good all so to put in a bill to this Courte ffor a Towneship of land and Common as thinking my self to haue as much Right Acording to all Resson as moste in the Towne I payeing the purches there of and if you pleas to grant mee a towne ship with you I shal be so much obleged to you: by me

Stephen Arnold

[0197] To the Towne of providence

fforasmuch as Tho: Harris jun^{r}: & my selfe was by the Towne appoynted to goe unto Tho Walling, & | confer | with him Concerning a high way to goe through his land towards observation Meadow; But Tho: Haris not being at leasure I went unto him my selfe (only Tho: Olney jun^{r}: being with me; I haveing vewed his landes, & after some descourse with him hee returned this answere; (viz) That if the Towne would give him leave; hee would lay downe Sixty acres of his land, & take it up in another place, & then a Cart way might be found without goeing through the rest of his land; & that hee would be at the Towne meetting upon the quarter day to see concerning it; The day which I was with him was the 26th: of this Jnstant.

Nathaniell W[ ]

Januarey the 27th: i6$\frac{70}{71}$.

[0198] To the Towne, neighbors I desire that you would Receiue me in to be a purchasser Equall with the rest of the number of the purchassers:

febuary 13th: 1670: or 71 Richard Arnold

[0199] To Mr William Carpenter Gen^{rll} Assistant at Providence or to Mr Roger Williams Gen^{rll} Assistant there.

Whereas the Governo^{r} of this his Maties: Colony of Rhode Jsland & Providence Plantations & by a warrant vnder his hand beareing Even date wth these Presents hath Required mee to giue notice to Each Respectiue Towne & Place in this Jurisdiction to choose & send soe many Persons & soe qualified as by Law appointed to Each said Place to send as their Deputies to sitt and Transact in the Gen^{rll} Assembly at Newport vpon Tuesday the fifth day of March to take order for the Safety of the whole at this Juncture of affaires when Wee are soe hardly besett with Sundry Threats & attempts to Subvert his Maties Grant vnto this Corporation &c

These are Therfore to Require you to Assemble your Towne in order to make choose of their Deputies for the said Gen^{rll} Assembly according to the Law in that case Provided

Given vnder my hand ffeb^{r} 24th 1671
James X Rogers Gen^{rll} Serj^{t}
his marke

[0200] To James Rogers Sheriffe of his Maties: Colony of Rhode Jsland & Providence Plantations &c

Whereas the last Gen^{rll} Assembly Sitting at Newport the fifth Instant did advise that forthwith a Gen^{rll} Assembly should bee called to Sitt at Newport They being Streaightened in their Proceedings by Reason of the Small appeareance

Deputies from the Townes of Warwick and Providence especially at this Juncture of affaires when the Preservation of his Maties: gracious Charter granted to this Colony is the matter to bee debated and considered off.

These are therfore in his Maties: name to Require you forthwith to giue timely notice to Each Towne and Place in this Colony that they chose and Send Such and Soe many Persons as is by Law appointed for each Towne & Place to choose and and Send as their Deputies to sitt & Transact in Gen^{rll} Assembly at Newport vpon the first Tuesday in Aprill now next comeing There being also very greate neede that the Persons Elected as Deputies for to sitt in the said Assembly bee Prudent & able Persons that may advise in a Business of soe great concern to the whole Colony. Hereof faile not

Given vnder my hand the 7th day of March 16$\frac{71}{72}$

Benedict Arnold Govr

Mr William Carpenter or Mr Roger Williams or Mr Thomas Harris

Gentlemen the aboue written is a Copie of the Governo^{rs} warrant vnto mee and in Pursuance thereof these are to giue you notice to assemble your Towne in order to make choice of, and to Send as aforesaid the Deputies for the said Assembly.

Given vnder my hand the 7th day of March 16$\frac{71}{72}$

James X Rogers Gen^{rll} Serjeant

[0201] These are to signifie to all whome it may Consearne that I doe Jmpower and betrost my Louing frends John Whippell Jū and Epenetus olnye both Liuing in the Towne of providence to aske demand and Receiue of these severall persones hearafter mentioned the severall sumes here Expresed and vpon Receite therof to acquit and giue discharges for the same as fully as if I my selfe weare parsonally presant therin. to acte hearby Confirming the acte of them or Either of them

Jmprimas first prinsipall dept yett due from the Towne of providence for Coppies of gennerall asemblyes act more then yett Reciued	06 – 13 0
due for a writt or atacthment served one the Towne Lands belonging to the Towne of providence for depts due to mee for Coppies of Court orders	00 19 – 6
alsoe of william hakens señi for the fees due to mee fo[ ]ravice when Jndicted by John gorton about a horse	2 – 2 0
alsoe of benjaman hearnden for bonds to the Court and Judgment of Court from Court to Court	00 13 – 4
alsoe from william gregory or from his order for fees on his indictment for fornication	1 – 8 – 0

giuen vnder my hand this 19 day of march in the yeare $\frac{1671}{\text{or } 72}$

by mee Joseph Torrey

[0202] To Mr William Carpenter or Mr Roger Williams Gen^{rll}: Assistants at Providence

Whereas by an Act of the Generall Assembly it is Provided that there shall bee yearely a Gen^{rll}: Assembly called to sit the day before t[ ] Generall Court of Election appointed in the Charter &c

These are Therfore in his Maties: name and by Vertue of a warrant vnto mee directed from the Governo^{r} of this Colony to giue you notice that you are to warne your Towne to assemble & make orderly choice of Soe many Persons as by the Law is appointed and them to Send as their Deputies to transact in the said Gen^{rll} Assembly to bee holden at Newport vpon Tuesday the Second day of May now next insueing the date hereof The Gen^{rll} Assistants are alsoe to bee at the said Court

Given vnder my hand Aprill 7th 16$\frac{71}{81}$

James X Rogers Gen^{rll} Serj^{tt}

To M^{r}: William Carpenter or Mr Roger Williams Gen^{rll}: Assistants at Providence

These are in his Maties: name and by Vertue of a warrant vnto mee directed from the Governo^{r} of this Colony to signifie to you that you are to warne your Towne to assemble that Soe they may make due and orderly Preparation for the Gen^{rll} Assembly or Court of Election which by Vertue of his Maties: most gracious Charter of Incorporacoñ is to bee held at Newport vpon the first Wednesday in May now next insueing being the third day of the said Moneth and that in order therevnto they doe choose and Send to the said Assembly Such Soe many Deputies as by Law is assigned and allowed to bee their Representatiues together with the Governo^{r} & Assistants to transact the affaires of the Collony in the said Gen^{rll}: Assembly and more perticularly to manage the Orderly Election of Gen^{rll} Officers who are to bee Elected by the Major part of the free Votes of the freemen Then & there present either in their owne persons or by Legall Proxies there orderly presented Hereof you may not faile

Given vnder my hand Aprill 7th 1671

James X Rogers Gen^{rll} Serjeant

To Mr William Carpenter or Mr Roger Williams Gen^{rll} Assistants at Providence

These are in his Maties: name and by Vertue of a warrant vnto mee directed from the Governo^{r} of this His Maties: Colony to signifie to you that you are to warne your Towne to assemble in order to make due preparation for the Gen^{rll} Court of Tryalls to bee held at Newport the Second Monday in May now next insueing being the eighth day of the said Moneth and that they are to choose and send to the said Court Such and soe many men as by the Law they are appointed ts serue on the grand Jnquest & Jury of Tryalls The Majestrates are alsoe to bee present at the said Court Hereof you may not faile. Given vnder my hand Aprill 7th 1671

James X Rogers Gen^{rll} Serj^{t}

(*Verso*)

ffor Providence

[**0203**] A List of a Rate of 51lb Levied vpon the Town of Prouidence this 3rd of June 1671 (so calld)

	lb	s	d		£	s	d
Pardon Tillinghurst.	00 :	12 :	06	Jon Browne	0 –	05 –	0
Henrie Browne	01 :	05 :	00	Christopher Smith	0 –	5 –	0
Widdow Wickendell	00 :	03 :	01½	Widdow Bellue	0	3 –	9
Tho : Suckling	00 :	02 :	06	Tho : Arnold senr	0 –	18 –	9
Tho : Roberts	00 :	12 :	06	Tho : Arnold | junr |	0 –	3 –	9
Jon Angell	00 :	05 :	00	Tho : Harris Junr	0 –	18 –	9
Joshuah Winsor	00 :	02 :	06	Jon Smith Mason	0 –	5 –	7 0 f
Mercie Waterman	00 :	03 :	09	Sam : Whipple	0 –	6 –	3
Tho : Hopkins	00 :	08 :	09	Ben : Herndon Senr	0 –	5 –	9
Ann Harris	00 :	07 :	06	Phillip Tabor	0 –	1 –	10 [ ]
Jane Power	00 :	06 :	03	George Way	0 –	1 –	3.
Nicholas Power	00 :	03 :	09	Steephen Harding	0 –	12 –	6
Daniell Williams	00 :	12 :	06	Esten Thomas	0 –	0 –	7 d 0 f
Widdow Man	00 :	03 :	09	Jon Rice	0 –	1 –	3
Tho : Harris senr	00 :	12 :	06	Jon Scot	1£ –	0 –	0
George Shephard	00 :	05 :	00	Rich : Arnold	0 –	7 –	6
Tho : ffield	00 :	18 :	09	Lawrence Willkison	1£ –	0 –	0
Daniell Abbot	00 :	03 :	09	Edw : Smith	0 –	10 –	0
Rich : & Nathaniell Waterman	02 :	03 :	09	Vall : Whitman	0 –	12 –	0
				Eliezer Whipple	0 –	3 –	0
Tho : Angell	00 :	10 :	00	Steephen Dexter	0 –	2 –	6
Tho : Olnie senr & his sonn James	01 :	05 :	00	Edw : Jnman	0 –	10 –	0
				Nath : Mawrie	0 –	5 –	7 [ ]
Rich : Pray	00 :	18 :	09	Jon Mawrie	0 –	4	4.0 f
Shadrach Manton	00 :	12 :	06	Tho : Wallin	0 –	3 –	9
James Reaper	00 :	02 :	06	Jon. Steere	0 –	5 –	0
Danniell Browne	00 :	01 :	03	William Haukins senr	0 –	18 –	9
Henrie Wright	00 :	15 :	00	Tho : Burden	1£ –	5 –	0
Sammuell Wright	00 :	03 [	]	Hen : ffowler	0 –	12 –	6
Mr Roger Williams	00 :	10 :	00	Capt ffenner	01 –	17 –	6
Richard Scot	00 :	15 :	07	Ephraim Carpenter	0 –	10 –	0
William Austin	00 :	05 :	00	Will : Vincent	0 –	6 –	3
Jon Throckmorton	00 :	07 :	06	Jon Sayles	0	12 –	6
Jon Whipple Junr	00 :	06 :	03	Joseph Williams	0 –	5	0
Jon Whipple senr	00 :	12 :	06	Sam : Bennet	0 –	15 –	0

	lb	s	d
Edw : Manton	00 :	07 :	06
Gregorie Dextër	00 :	17 .	06
Jo^{n} Smith Miller	00 :	10 :	06
Tho : Olnie Junr	00 :	12 :	06
Epinetus Olnie.	00 :	07 :	06

	£	s	d
Tho : Clements	0 –	13 –	1.0 f
James Mattison	0 –	13 –	1.0
Anthony Everindell	02 –	7 –	6
Jo^{n} ffield	01 –	1. –	3
William Harris	3 –	2	6
Andrew Harris	0	11	3
Jo^{n} : Sheldon	0 –	6 –	3
Mr Will : Carpenter	02 –	10	0
Will : Arnold	1 –	11 –	3
Steephen Arnold	1 –	17 –	6.

(*Verso*)

Sam : Reape	1 –	5 –	0
Tho : Stafford	0 –	5 –	0
Joseph Jencks	0 –	6 –	3
Leonard Smith	0 –	2 –	6
Mr Blackston	0 –	2 –	6
Rich Burden his heires	0 –	2 –	6
Joseph Wise	0 –	12 –	6
James Ashton	–	3 –	9
Deborah ffield	–	3 –	1.0 f
Jo^{n} ffitch	0	1 –	1.0 f
Summ total	53$^{£}$.	7^{s}.	1^{d}

The 2$^{£}$. 7^{s}. 1^{d} wch is ouer our rate of 51$^{£}$ We desire may be presented to our ho^{nrd} Go : Mr Arnold in part of paym^{nt} of this Townes debt to him

Errors in Calcalation
excepted ꝑ us

William Carpenter
Roger Wjlljams Assist^{nt}
Thomas Olney senior
Thomas Olney junior
Jo^{n} Sayles.
John Whipple jun^{r} :

A List of y^{e} Rate

[0204] Be it knowne to all men by these ꝑsents that I Joseph Williams Jnhabitant of the Towne of Prouidence in the Collonie of Rhode Jsland & Providence Plantations &c for the preventing of all difference or trouble that may arise between me the sayd Joseph Williams & Henrie ffowler Jnhabitant of the

Towne & Collonie aforsayd about the boundaries wch are fixed & set between our Lands lying neere unto Mashipaug I doe agree & Consent as followeth y^{t} the North Eastern Corner bound of the sayd Henrie ffowler his thir[ ] Acers of Land is and shall be a devideing Bounds between me and the aforesayd Henrye ffowler wch sayd bound tree is by Jointe agreement betwixt us marked wth these letters (to witt) HF & J W and so to range to a small black Oake tree wch is allso marked wth the letters HF & J W which is allso a Boundarie between me the aforesayd Joseph Williams & Henrie ffowler aforesayd and so to range to another black oake tree wch sayd black Oake tree is a North Corner Bound the sayd Joseph Williams his twentie Acres of land wch sayd tree is likewise marked with the letters HF & J W: I say I doe Couenant & agree that the sayd Henrie ffowler shall not be molested in his Claime in | the | land or lands on the Northern side of the aforesayd Bounds by me the sayd Joseph Williams my heires Executors Administrat^{rs} or Assignes Jn witnes heerof I doe heerunto set my hand & seale this 12th day of June 1671.

Signed sealed and
deliured in presence
of us Jo^{n} Sayles.

Joseph Williams [L S]

John Whipple jun^{r}:

[0205] To the Towne meett: July ye 27: 1671: I desire y^{t} ye Towne would take som Corse that Thomas walling might be Agreed with, Concerning that way which is demanded Through his land towards obseruation, and for ye sd way he may receiue sattisfaction: & security for the same,

John Whipple jun^{r}:

[0206] By vertue of a warrant from the Governo^{r}: to this purpass

To M^{r}: willm Carpenter or m^{r}: Roger williams Asistants for | Providence |

Wheras ther is an inroad made by ye men of Stonington into this Collony, they haueing with great nombers invaded, assaulted, wonded, & plundered or Robed ye Jnhabitants of westerly in this jurisdiction, & Captived many of their ℙsons & otherwaise inhumanly handled them, the Report wherof Coming hither occassioned ye Calling together ye majestrates of ye Collony Liveing on this Jsland, who haveing accordingly Convened this very day, haue Resolved & desired ye more Effectuall Remedying the fore s^{d} Greivances that a Gen^{ll}. Assembly be Called with all ye speed y^{t} may bee for y^{t} End & purpass and therfor

These are in his majesties name Charles ye second by ye grace of God king of England Scottland france & Jrland &c: to Require you to Choose & send to sitt as deputies in ye Gen^{ll}: Assembly to be houlden att Newport on Rhoad Jsland on munday the 24th of this Jnstant Sept: about noone such & so many men as by Law are apoynted for yor: Towne: y^{t} then & ther som Effectuall order may be taken for the putting a stopp unto the Ryotous proceeds afores^{d} herof faile nott

Dated Sept 18th 1671: /

James Rogers
Genll: X Sargtt
his marke

To mr: willm Carpenter or Mr: Roger williams Asistants for Providence

You are in his Majesties name Required to Choose & send in such & so many men as by Law apoynted for yor Towne, to attend as juriors on ye grand inquest and such & so many to attend & serve on ye jury of Tryalls to bee held at Newport on Rhoad Jsland upon wedensday the eighteenth day of october now next coming as also ye majestrates to attend accordingly herof faile not

James Rogers
Dated Sept 18th 1671 /
Genll: X Sargtt
his marke

To Mr: William Carpenter or mr: Roger Williams Asistants for Providence

You are (by verteu herof) in his majesties name Required to make deu and orderly prparation for ye Genll: Assembly that is to be held by verteu of his majesties Gracious Letters pattents at Newport in Rhode Jsland upon ye Last wedensday in october which will bee upon wedensday ye 25th of october now next Enseuing the date herof: By Legally Chooseing & sending so many men & so quallified from yor: Respective Towne & place as by Law are apoynted to sitt as deputies for Transacting ye publick affaires in the sd Assembly herof you are nott to faile

James Rogers
Dated Sept i8th 1671 /
Genll X Sargtt
his marke

[0207] To the Towne mett this 22 of Aprill i672; there being mony, yett due to Joseph Torriy, for Coppies of Generll Assembly acts; And I with Some other haueing power from ye Sayd Torriy to demand & receiue the Sayd Somes or dues to him belonging, doe demand it of the Towne, desireing there answere to itt;

Youre ffriend
John Whipple: junr:

(*Verso*)

This Bill: refered:

[0208] To the Town mett this 27th of Aplil 1672 naighbours Wharas thar was A bill put into this Town by John whipple Junr About this towns debt to Joseph Torey thire was as I understand three Chattle belonging to this town Which was the Remainder of a Rate Leuied one this town to Say one hors and tow hifers the one now in the hands of John Whipple Jur the other thomas hirris Jur had the hors hath paid part of the said debt and I desire the other part may be payed out of the hiffers if those that haue them Cannot giue Just acoun|pt| for thir thurs kepeing them

nich. Power

[0209] Ordred that the Towne Counsell | or the Major part of them | shall receive the Towne Recordes of John Whipple jun^{r}: & to give him a ffull discharge for such wrightinges or Bookes as they receive of him upon the first day of July next at the house of John Whiple Junr:

A True Coppie of an order made by the Towne of providence at a Towne meetting the 3th of June i672

As attests John Smith town Clar|k|

(*Verso*)

The Coppie of an order for receiveing of ye Bookes of Jo^{n}: Whiple Junr:

[0210] To M^{r}. William Carpenter M^{r}. Roger Williams or M^{r}. Thomas Harris Gen^{rll}. Assistants att Providence.

These are by Vertue of three Severall warrants vnto mee directed by the Governo^{r} of this his Maties: Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations &c to giue you notice to assemble the freemen of the said Towne to choose and Send Such and Soe many Persons as is by Law appointed for them to choose and Send as their Deputies to sitt and Transact in the Gen^{rll}. Assembly appointed by Law to bee held the day before the Election and also choose and Send their Deputies as aforesaid to the Gen^{rll}. Assembly to bee held on Wednesday the first day of May now Next comeing to Transact the affaires of this Colony and more Perticularly to Manage the orderly Proceedings in the Election of the Gen^{rll}. officers of this Colony which are on that day to bee chosen in the said Assembly by the free votes of the freemen of this Corporation, and to that end you are to giue the | said | freemen of the Colony inhabitting yor Towne Notice to Prepare for the said Election. The Said Towne is also to choose and Send Such and Soe many Persons as is by Law appointed for them to choose and Send to Serue for Jurors on the Grand Jnquest and Jury of Tryalls in the Court of Tryalls to bee held for the Colony on Monday the Sixth day of May now next comeing.

Given vnder my hand the 11th. day of Aprill 1672

James X Rogers Gen^{rll}. Serjeant

[0211] To the Towne of providence Mett, octob^{r} the | 17 : 1672 |

Wheras there hath of late yeares, benn a Devition of ffifty Acres of Land apece to severall persons in this Towne which divers of this Towne Sayth (if not all;) ariseth to them by vertue of a new purchase; which if So Semeth of Right also to belong to all Such as were ffreemen of this Towne and Collony when the Sayd purchase was made; being willing to be Sharers in it and tendering theire mony to helpe pay for the Same to witt the purchase, upon these Considerations and many more, I desire that I may have my Equall Share, with the rest of my neighbors in that which they Say is the new purchase; being willing to pay my mony; as

fformerly tendered toward the then disbursment; these things being considered by you, I hope you will not deny it to me; But if it be by you denide to mee; I hope it will not be offencive to you if I redrese my Selfe therein, I doe not meane by a co|v|rse at Law, nor Yett by obstruckting that you call new purchase;

Your Neighbo^r
John Whipple jun^r

providence octob^r the 16: 1672:

(*Verso*)

To the Towne Mett, this 17 of october | 1672 |

ffor as much, as there is divers percells of bad ffences, belonging to this Towne ffeildes, and within the jurydiction of this Sayd Towne of prouidence, which is the Reason of So many damages as doe hapen, as also incurage cattell to be unruly, ffor the preuention whereof, and that we may the more likely keepe a Louinge Coraspondancy one with an other; I desire that the Towne will, and doe order, what ffence Shall, by order of this Towne, be counted a Suffitient ffence, that is | if | raile ffence, how high, and how ffar distant Each rayle from the other, and how many, if stone wall, how high, and how wide, Jf pallasadoe ffence, how high, and how ffar in ye ground, Jf a hedge ffence, how high, and how thick the Stakes; And if Logge ffence what manner to be made to be Counted a Suffitiente ffence

Your ffriend and Neighbor
John Whipple ju[ ]

providence october the: 16: 1672::

[0212] The Towne of providence Debter. to Jo^n: Whiple jun^r

Jt to runeing of a line in the yeare: 1663:	00 – 03 – 00
Jt To Serveing Towne Serjant, in ye yeare: 1669:	0 i – 00 – 00
Jt To a Bill Signed in court, for atending a Deputy 1669	02 – 02 – 00
Jt To a Bill Signed in Court for atending a deputy in ye yeare 1672	01 – 10 – 00
The Some Totall	04 – 15 – 00

The Towne of providence Creditor ℘^r Contra::

Jt To twenty Seaven Shillings, Received of m^r Roger Williams, in a Beast	01 – 07 – 00

(*Verso*)

Jo^n whipple Acompt what ye Towne owes him

[0213] The Deposition of Samuell Whipple Constable of the Towne of prouidence is as followeth

That this Deponant being at ye Dwelling of Zachariath ffeild Constable upon the: 20th of this Jnstant, and Askeing ye sayd ffeild (Constable) what he had Done with his prisoner Samvell Winsor, he sayd he had delivered him with his

mittemus to ye Gen^ll: serjant, and that sd serjant sent for Capt peleg sanford, and ye sd Constable told this Deponant that ye sd Capt: sanford told him y^t he need not have Apprehended the sd winsor, nor Brought | him | to Goal Except he had benn first payd, and that ye justices had noe power to grant a warrant to ye sayd Constable to deliver him ye sd winsor into the hands of samvell Whipple Constable, nor he need not have brought | him | Doune to prison for he was his prisoner and therefore it was at his liberty for he could be but responsable, And ye sayd Constable told this Deponant that they at ye Jsland did but laugh and hout at it, and say it was only spite, then this Deponant Asked ye sd Constable hoo was there he Answered two or three, then he Asked hoo they were he sayd Capt: sanford was one, and did not name ye rest, this Deponant Asked ye sd Constable if ye sayd prisoner had put in bayle he sayd he Could not tell, then sayd this Deponant how came hee at liberty, he sayd they lookt at only a percell of spite and took noe notice of it, and further this Deponant sayth not,

Taken before me this: 21th of october 1673

John Whipple Asist

(*Verso*)

Sam̄ whiples Testimony about Zach: feild

[0214] John Sheldon Aged: 45: years or therabouts testifieth that he was Desired by his Cosen Joseph Carpenter: the son of will: Carpenter of Pawtuxet, to goe with him to be a wittness that he gaue to his vnckell Mr Stepen Arnold poseion of his parte of a Corne Mill, which standeth by pawtuxet ffalls soe haueing Coren vpon my horse at that present to be ground I went before unto the mill wher was Samuell Reap and will: Burton, Jmediatly After Came Joseph Carpenter with his vnkell Mr Stephen Arnold into the Afore said Corne mill, my Cosen Joseph Carpenter said he was Come to giue his vnkell Stephen possesion of that mill, this was done the forth day of September or ther Abouts in the year 1674

These Lines aboue mentioned Weare Afermed to be the truth 23th day of ffebuary 1674 befouer me

Ar Arthur ffenner Asistant

(*Verso*)

Shildons testimoney

[0215] Beniamin Smith aged aboue ffourty three years and ingaged according to Law testifieth that he was at the house of samuell Reap: of patuxet upon the Twentey Eight day of septtember last past and then the said beniamin. saith that he .did. here his vncell Stephen Arnold demand of samuell Reap the keey of the Corne mill doar that hee might make vse of the mill to grind: but the said

samuell. Reape denied and said he should not deliuer the keey: then this deponants ffather in law William Carpenter being then there present said to him you Saye you should not deliuer the keey: but will you not deliuer the keey: and samuell Reap answered and said no I will not: then the said William Carpenter asked samuell Reap what was the resson he would not deliuer the keey to his brother Stephen Arnold ffor the half of the mill was his: and the ffoarsaid William Carpenter said allso unto samuell Reape then at that tim: that what so euer he Could make Justly apear to be dew to him. ffrom his son Joseph Carpenter upon anye acounp|e|t of the mill or aney other acounp|e|t what so euer: that he would be Com bound and would geet another sufficant man to be bound with him ffor to paye him what soeuer he Could make Justley apear to be dew to him ffrom his son Joseph: and the said samuell Reape ansewred and said to him that: I haue nothing to doe with you

a Coppey

(*Verso*)

Biniam smiths testem of. demand of the keey and Willams Carpentrs profer to Reap

[0216] Silas Carpenter aged Twentey ffouer years and ingaged according to law testifieth: that about Two days after that his brother Joseph Carpenter had Sould the Corne mill at pawtuxet vnto his vncell Stephen Arnold: being the. 22. daye of augustlast or there about: and about: 14: or. 15. days befoar his vncell samuell Reap Caused the ffoarsaid mill to be atached: then at that tim he sais there ffamily wanted meall: and then he herde his ffather saye that he would goe to his brother Stephen arnold to know of him how he might haue Corne ground and when his ffather Cam home againe his ffather said that his brother Stephen said that he had no great skill to order the mill at present so he should send his son Silas to grind his Corne as he did vse to doe: and then his ffather sent doun Corne in a Canow to the mill: and this deponant saith that he then went vnto his vncell Stephen Arnolds hous and his vncell Stephen gaue him order to ffetch the key of the mill at samuell Reaps and grind there Corne. and leue two thirds of the tool ffor the ouners and a thirde ffor his labour as he did vse to doe: and then this deponant saith that he went to his vncell reap to ffetch the key of the mill not knowing | aney | ground or Resson whey his vncell Reap should denye him the key then moar then at other times: and then this deponant sayth that he asked his vncell Reap ffor the key of the mill to grind and his vncell samuell Reap would not deliuer him the key nor lett him haue it: nor giue him aney Reason why he would not: and then this deponant said to his vncell Reap that his vncell Stephen Arnold gaue him order to ffetch the key. because haulf of the mill afoarsaid was now his vncell Stephens and when his vncell samuell Reap heard that he was in a Rage and would not

deliuer the key to the said Silas: and So then thay were fforsed to Carey there Corne home againe and sent it to prouidenc mill a Coppey

(*Verso*)

a Copey Silas Car test

[**0217**] Gentlmen

Bÿ vertue of a warrant to me directed, vnder ye hand of ye hounored John Cranson Esquire Governor of his maiesties Collonÿ of road iland & providence ꝑtations, bearing date ye 30th of September last, Strictlÿ chargeing mee, to give timelÿ notice to all the townes & villages, in said collonÿ, y^t they & Every of them, doe make provission for ye sitting of ye Generall Assemblÿ, ye last wensdaÿ in this instant october, & in order therevnto, that theÿ doe Chuse Each of them, such deputÿs, as bÿ law is assigned them to have; to sitt in ye said Assemblÿ, together with ye maiestrats whoe are Apointed to sett at ye house of henerÿ palmer, in newport, then & ther to act and transact, in such waightÿ matters, that are Comanded vs, by our Soveraigne Lord, Charles ye Second, of England Scotland france & Jrland king, & over all the dominions ther vnto belonging &c Also that Each towne & village doe Cuse So manÿ able ꝑsons, to serve on ye Grand iurÿ, & Jurÿ of trÿalls, who ar to meet ye last wensday save one in this instant october, at ye house of henery palmer in newport, And ye maiestrats y^t are by his maiesties Authoritie Asigned to hould please are required, to Attend at s^d Court of trÿalls & At ye Generall asembly ffollowing /

Thes ar thefore in his maiesties naime to desire & require ÿou to make provission ffor ye sitting of ye sd Courts And y^t yor deputÿes & Jurÿ men whom ÿou Chuse have notice, that theÿ Attend, at ye time & places abouesaid / Given vnder my hand ye 4th of october: 1674

Edmund Calverleÿ Generall Sargent

To m^r Steephen Arnold Capt̄: Arther ffenner & m^r John whiple Assistants in providence to be comunicated to ye said towne

(*Verso*)

ffor ye towne of providence deliver this to Either m^r Steephen Arnold Capt̄: arthur ffennor m^r John whple Asistants

this warrent was Delivered to mee by Capt: will: Hopkins (who saith he received it ye same Day,) one the twelth day of october 1679 at night;

ꝑ^r Jo^n whipple Asistant

[**0218**] John whipple of the Towne of prouidence jun^r being Jngaged according to law Tesstifieth as ffollowe[ ]

That George Way of the aforesd Towne, was wi[ ] this deponant to write

him a petition, or Complaynt, to the Generall Covrt, against, William Haukins jun^{r} and mary pray the wife of Richard pray of the sayd Towne, acompanying to Geather, as they did, and that shee might be put dovne, and nott suffered to retaile drinck, nor keepe a hovse of Entertainement, as she did, But this deponant nott being at Leazvre to doe it for him, rather advised him to gett Daniell Abbott of the aforesd Towne to write it for him, the which he sayd Way sayd he wovld, for he was resolved to send one to the Covrt, the which Complaynt being wrott, the sayd Abbott did shew it to this deponant, as he was Carring of it to the sayd Way : the which Complaynt did beare date, th : Thirtenth day of July, one Thovs-an|d| Six hvndred, Seaventy and Three, This this deponant Sayth is truth and further Sayth nott ;

taken before me this 17 of october 1674

Thomas Harris Assistant

[0219] Thomas stafard aged sixtey ffouer years being ingaged acording to law testefieth that stephen Arnold desired me and Joseph Wodward to goe doune : to the mill at patuxet the same day presentely after the sargent had atached it. to Witnes that he Wiped out the Writing that the sargent had Writen one the mill doare and allso Claimed his right in the sayd mill and he tolde the sargent and allso samuell Reep that thay had atached his righit and that he the sayd stephen Arnold said that he had bought the sayd half of the mill of Joseph Carpenter and payd for it and thereffoar thay had atached his Estat and not Joseph Carpenters

Warwick ottober i6th 1674 taken by mee

Job Almy Asistant

[0220] To Jams Rogers Ginorll sergent of his Maistes Coloney of Road Jsland and prouidenc plantatons his depety or depetys you ar in the name of his Maistey Required to arest the body of samuell Reape of pawtuxet in prouidenc and him in safe : Custody to keepe vntill suffitient bayle bee put in Returneable acording to law to answer the Complaint of m^{r} Stephen Arnold of the sayd pawtuxet at the next Ginorall Court of Tryals to be held ffor the Coloney the ffirst Mundey next ffollowing the ffirst Wedensday in may next at newport in an action of vniust detayniour damagies one hundred pound sterling Where of ffaylle not

Giuen vnder my hand John sanford Recorder the 29 day of october 1674

(*Verso*)

I doe hear by Constitute the Towne | sergeant | of the Towne of prouidenc my lawfull debety to execute this Writ as Witness my hand October. 29. 1674 and to make Returne there of acording to law

Jamse X. Rogers
Ginorall sergeant his mark

a Copey of a Writ on Reepe
a Write by John Sanford against Reep

[0221] To ye Towne Assembled by adjurnm^t^ from y 27th of y 11th mo: vnto ye 10th of 12th mon 1674

ffor as much as I have taken great paines to seek out a peice of Land, to take vp y^t^ wch was (on Throckmorton's behalfe) granted vnto me, by way of exchange, But am Curcomvented by Sam: Bennetts Laying of | it | out vnto Joshua veerin: therefore I desire to know what order he had, or what he had to doe to Lay out any Land vnto Joshua veerin, without any order from ye towne soe to doe, in such an vnjust cause as his is; | which | may easiely be made appeare, in Eaquitty & honesty, soe to be. Soe I desire I may have | it | granted to take | it | vp for Throckmorton, where I had first pitched, before it was Layd out vnto veerin, & not be interceepted by such preposterous proceedings; w^ch^ | is | quite contrary to equitty, honesty, Righteousnes & truth; therefore ought | not | to be allowed of, but wholly dis℘lled. And if not dis℘lled, as an vnrighteous cause ought to be, Then it seemes y^t^ any one, who hath bin formerly an inhabitant of this towne of providence, & had footting therein for a season, and afterwards removin[ ] from thence, & selling all his right he had therein, & giving vnder his owne hand writting y^t^ he had soe done, as Living wittnesses can testifie, and as ye Large sume of money y^t^ was payd for it, speaking alsoe Lovdly to Evince: yet if by ye instigation of others, for selfe ends. / he be cited, to repaire againe vnto ye towne of providence, and make but his demand, shall be received, & accepted of, to be an Eaquall propriotor wth ye rest of ye purchassers; And forthwith goe jostle others out of there Right, And take vp their Land; without any Record to declare, or wittnes to prove from | what | botton orriginally, ye Right he Layeth clame to, doth derive from, to appertaine to him as his proper interest, | w^ch^ | he never sould away vnto others.

& Jf he had had a right, yet he ought to have payd his money, according to order, before any Land be Layd out. vnto him.

Daniell Abbott.

(*Verso*)

Daniell Abbotts Bill

[0222] providenc

William Hopkins: aged: 28: yers: or: thar: a: bout: being: in: Gaged: a: Cording: to: Law: witnisith: as: as foloeth: that: a: bout: Mi: Calmus: foloin: after: the: death: of: Zacha: ryah: Roads: I: reseued: of: John: Steere: about: seuen: or aight: hunderded: of shingels: which. Said Shingels: I: deleuered. to: the: wid: dow: Roads: for: John: Steere:

march the 28 on 1675 taken before me

Thomas Harris Assistant

William Hawkins of providence Juniar Aged 28 years or ther about being ingaged a Cording to Law witneseth as folloueth that he resefed for the wedo

rods now the wife of sameuel Reep thre thousand and three hundared of shingels I say resefed them of John stre for the afore said woman

march the 28 on 1675 taken before me

Thomas Harris Assistant

(*Verso*)

Jo^{n} Sterre papor

[0223] Beniamin Smith aged about forty three years and Engaged according to Law testifieth that hee being at the house of samuell Reape of pautuxit: vpon the twenty Eight day of septembe[ ] Last hee did then and there | heared | his vnkle stephan Arnold demand of the said samuell Reap the key of the Corne mill dore that hee might make vse of the mill to grind: but the said samuell Reape Denied and said hee should not deliuer the key: then this deponants fatherinlaw william Carpenter being p^{r}sent said vnto the said samuell you say you should not deliver the key but will you not deliver the key the said samuell Reape answared and said no I will not: then the said william Carpenter asked the said samuell what was the Reason hee would not deliver the key to his Brother stephan Arnold for haulf of the said mill was his brother stephan arnolds: furthermore the said william | said | vnto the said samuell that whatsoever hee could make Justly apeare to bee due to him from his son Joseph Carpenter vpon any accounte of the mill or otherwise whatsoever: that hee the said william would become bound and would gett another sufficient man to bee bound with him for to pay him whatsoever hee could make Justly appeare to bee due to him from his son Joseph: the said samuell. reap Answared | and | said vnto the said william. I haue nothing to doe with you this i7 of march $\frac{16\ 7\ 4}{\text{or } 7\ 5}$

taken before mee Job Almy Asistant

Silas Carpnter Aged twntie ffouer yeares being ingaiged Acording to Lawe testifieth to the truth of all these Lines above Writen

Taken this 28 of Aparil 1675 by me

Arthur ffenner Asistant

[0224] To the Towne mett, Aprill: 27: 1675. whearas the widdow Reifs had also a house lott as m^{r} Beggerly had, doe therefore in his behalfe to whome she past it too, the which was her sonn in law, Joshva verrin doe demavnd a Comomonige with the other priviligdes as there to belong, the dues I shall pay or Cause to be payd;

John Whiple Aturney in the of [ ]oshua verrin,

(*Verso*)

my Bill Abovte Reifes

[0225] Wee house names are here vnder writin: a: Gree as foloeth

haueing Loue Granted in His: Maiestis Grashus Chartar of Road iland and Prouidenc plantations: in new England,: for the seking and Geeting of mine siluer. or: othar mine: or: metil, and wee haueing: found: an: orifus: of: min, do agree to: digg and folo the same to the intent to geet the body thar of and to make: an: Equale: deuetion of the produc tharof, to ech partinnor of vs Only His Maiestis parte exseptid for His Maiestis vyas as hee shall see kase, wee do: a: Gree tharfor that Euary of vs shall bee at Equalle Cost and charge aithar in diggin or otharwayes and that if any of vs shall see Cas to Leue, the worke he shall lose his charges exsept hee or thay: so declining haue disbursed mar then: an: Equell part with the othar partinnors and if so then to bee made Equell and in Caus hee or thay haue not disbursed Equell with the rest then to bee made Equell with the othar partinors both in Cost and profitt this first of iune i675

Edward Jnman
Stephen Arnold
William Hopkins.
John Mawry
James Blackm[ ]
John Whipple: Junr
Beniemen Bucklen
The mark of
John X Bucknum

(*Verso*)

a papor about ye mine at Jnmans

[0226] To John Lapham Cunstable of providence

These are in ye name of his majestie Charles ye second &c; To will & require you fourth with vpon sight heareof to take Sufficient ayd with you & Bringe before me, or any other Consorvator of the peace of this Towne of providence, the boddies of Steephen Arnold | sen^{r} | & Sarah | Arnold, | his wife, Jsraell Arnold, Steephen Arnold jun^{r} & mautossthereman, (an jndian) y^{t} Lived with ye foresd Steephen Arnold) John perry, & ye Carpenter (there y^{t} hath part of ye Saw mill vpon Nashquetuxett River) called by name Arther Aylworth, and a man y^{t} is with him, And Ephraim Carpenter, Abiah Carpenter, & olivour Carpenter, m^{r} fowler, & Heny his Son; to Answer ye Comeplaint of Samuell Reape of pautuxett Brought before me this 3^{d} day of September 1675 — heareof you are not to faile vpon yor ℘rill.

Thomas Harris Assista^{t}.

Providence y^{e} 3^{d} of September 1675. /
A trve Coppy ℘ me

The mark X of John Lapham.
Cunstable

(*Verso*)

a Coppey of a. Warrant John Lapam

[0228] Newport this 14 daye $\frac{2}{mo}$ 1676 : }
freinds : your petitione with : your hands subcribed was : Reseued and the : Courte : had : knowledg theire of but hauinge Multiplisity of Vrgant orations : , and Considringe the Generall Electione drew soe neer : , that : wee more Conserned Could not soe safely detirmine for futer : , as those whoe maye be : the next helmesmen onely thus for your present Jncoragement wee well apeare your aduise and willingness : to mainetaine a Garisone. And haue agreed to bare the Charge of tenn men vpon the Colonys acount tell : the sucksedinge : athority take further order : , and that : you maye take som of our men. to strengthen you : or if it be wholy by yourselfes : wee as aforesd will bare the Charge : of tenn of them : , and after the Electione : if those Conserned see Cause : and : the Coloney of ability to doe it, I shall not obstruct if it be Continued all ye yeare : , be plesed to dispach our ketch : I haue noe more to you but my kinde loue and desire of your peace and Saffty as my owne

Walter Clark

(*Verso*)

Walter Clarks Letter in ye day of ye Townes hurry in ye warr time. /

[0229] To Capt : Arthur ffenner Gen^rll : Assistant for Providence
By vertue of a warrant vnto mee directed from the Governo^r of this Colony you are hereby in his Maties : name required to giue notice to the freemen of your said Towne to choose and Send their Deputies to the Gen^rll : Assembly to bee held for the Colony att the house of Henry Palmer in Newport on Tuesday the Second day of May next; and they are also to choose and send their Deputies to the Generall Assembly to sitt att the place aforesaid on the first Wednesday in May next; the freemen of your said Towne are likewose to provide for the Election of the Gen^rll : Officers of the Colony for the insueing yeare who are to bee chosen in the said Assembly att the time and Place aforesaid; Your said Towne are alsoe to elect and send such and soe many persons as the Law requires to Serue on the on the grand Jury and Jury of tryalls in the Gen^rll : Court of Tryalls to bee held for the Colony att the Place aforesaid the first Monday next following the first Wednesday in May next; Hereof faile not.

Given vnder my hand the
19th day of Aprill 1676
James Rogers X Gen^rll : Serj^t;

[0230] To William Hakeings in the absence of the Towne Sergant is

Constitued Sergant to Warne all the free inhabitance of this Towne of Providence to met at the House of Nathanell Waterman on thirsday next | at 9 aclock in ye moring to | Chuse ther deputies and Jurie men for the nex generall Corte to be held at nueport on Rode Jland in may next as the warant from the sergant declareth Hoare of faile not at your Perill Providence 25th of Aparil 1676 Arthur ffenner Asistant

(*Verso*)

To William Haughkngs
Constituted Serjant, for ye occation as on ye other Side exprest.

[0231] Whereas an order | from ye Gen^rll was | directed to Capt ffenner Assistant for ye freemen of o^r Towne to Chuse theire Deputies & send them to ye Gen^rll Assemble at newport in may next, & alsoe theire jury men for ye Gen^rll Covrt of Tryals & to make preparation for ye Gen^rll Electtion: wch accordingly a meetting was called concerning it, & appoynted to be vpon ye 27th of this jnstant mo^nth: Aprill 1676 on ye Townes Quarter day; John Smith Clarke Refused | then | to officiate in his sayd office rendering it be an jlleagall meetting: But ye Major part adjudgeing other wayes concerning it, Saw cause to make Choyce of another Clarke in his stead, and therefore voated Daniell Abbott to officiate in his | sd | office for this present meetting Aprill ye 27th 1676: at wch sayd meetting,

John Whipple Senr | was | Chosen Moderatour

William Carpenter Senr
Stephen Arnold Senr.
Thomas Olney jun^r. &
Edward Smith are
} Deputies chosen to Transact | in | ye affaires of ye Collony in ye Gen^rll Assemble at newport in may next, on ye behalfe of ye Towne of providence

Joseph Williams &
Samuell Bennett are
} chosen to be vpon ye Grand inquest

Richard Arnold &
William Asten are
} chosen to be vpon ye jury of Tryals in ye Gen^rll Court of Tryals at newport in may next.

(*Verso*)

the Act of a Towne meeting:

[0232] wher as Thomas Roberts late of Prouidence (for fear of danger by ye Jndeans then & now open enemyes And in hostillety against the english, Transported himself to Rhode Jsland And ther dyed about ye begining of aprill 1676 but left his wife aliue at ye sd Jsland, after his death his sd widow dyed whervpon Thomas Harris brother by consenguinety to ye sd widow desired Administration of ye goods of his sd Sister but because of encomberance by ye war william Harris

brother allsoe by consenguinety to y[ ] sd widow was absent & did not vntill after ward demand Administration of ye sd goods but ye Administration was | ordered to be | commited to James Clark of Newport vpon what pretence as yet we know not but we are sure vpon noe just ground could be but Thomas Harris aforesd seeking to know ye cause of Such proceedings went to ye Cunstable, at last receiued a Coppy of Henry wood Cunstable with these words in it (vizt) whereas Thomas Roberts & his wife late Jnhaby[ ]ants of Prouidence are both deseased in this [ ]owne ship Jntested haueing neither heirs or asignes as apears &c And ye sd writ wherin ye sd words are sd to be a true coppy wher in are these words Walter Clark Asistant

Therfore to ye Towne Councill of Newport we Shew That ye sd widow | hath heirs | dyed after her husband, | & noe heir but her self to her husbands goods | And then in her lifetime stood possesed with all those goods y^{t} were her husband|s| which at theye Marriage he possesed her with (to Say) all his worldly goods, for Soe are ye wodd|s| of ye English marriag which is ye English law which is euery English Subiects right neither can ther be any roome to will any of ye sd her goods from her ye sd Thomas Roberts haueing noe Child but had he had any Child or kin yet ye right of administration ye sd widowes by ye playne letter of ye law 21 H 3, 5^{t} in which right She dyed

(*Verso*)

And by ye foresd Statute ye next of ye sd widows kin are to haue administration of her goods And we ye sd widow deceased | her | only brothers by consenguinety therefore ye next of kin and therefore ye right to Administration oures

And both by ye law of England & of this collony ye Administration not only oures but ye goods allsoe we being ye neerest of kin therfore ye heirs in law

And thoughe ye Towne councill may make a will yet ye letter of ye law is that a Just distribution shall be made of ye goods by them (& therfore not | to | giue it to any y^{t} haue noe right therto) but ye rule of Just distribution is ye law & ye heirs in law are ye neerest in kin in which degree (to our sd Sister deceased we are in

And therfore ye will to be made Should be that acording to law ye sd goods | ar | oures

At Newport
4th August 1676)

To ye Towne Councills concideration offered
by William Harris
Thomas Harris Seniar

(*Verso*)

a coppy of what was deliuered to ye towne Councill of Newport as to Thomas Roberts widowes goods 4 august 1676

[0233] John Whipple

Michaell Philips when he died was indebted unto mee £.2: 16: s and Edward Jnman married his Relict and I have often spoke to him about ye payment of it, who has promised me he would pay it, but still neglects it I desire you would befriend me to demand it and receive it if he will pay it, and give me an acco^t what he does in it, he may pay me in part, and give me his bill for the remainder if he be much streightned this yeare, and I will deliver Mich Philips bill I am minded either to get my money now, wch I desire you to proeure, or take his bill for payment at a day certaine within one 12 m^o: herein you will oblige

[ ]eeport the 13th — Yo^r friend & Serv^tt

August 1676. — Francis Brinley

(*Verso*)

To Mr John Whipple
in
Providence /

[0234] [1] At a Towne: Meeting Lawfully calld by Wm Harris Magistrate ye 5^t of June 1676 (so calld) before Thomas Fjelds, vnder a Tree by ye Water side

Roger Willjams chosen Moderato^r

Roger Wjlljams chosen by ye Towne for ye Yeare Ensuing Towne Clarke

Willjam Hawkjns chosen Constable

James Olny Towne sergeant

The Towne Co|u|ncjll to be adjoyned to ye 3 Magistrates Roger Wjlljams Thomas Arnold, Nathaniel Waterman Dan: Abbot surveyo^r & Heyward. Val: Whitman Treasurer:

All Sollemnly engaged excepting James Olny & Val: Whitman.

At a towne meeting Lawfully calld by Cap: Fenner Magistrate ye 14th of Aug: 1676 (so calld) before Thomas Fjelds howse vnder a Tree by ye Water side.

Capt: Fenner chosen Moderatour

A motjon was made to enquire after ye Towne bookes but it was deferd vntill ye Busines of disposing ye Jndjans (for wch ye Towne met) was dispatched.

A list of 27 names of such as stajd & went not away, was presented, unto whome these Jndjans should be due, ye names were m^r Roger Willjams: Nath: Waterman Tho: Fenner: Henry Ashton John Morey: Dan: Abbot, James Olney: Val: Whitman: Jo: Whiple Senr John Angel: James Angel Tho: Arnold Rich: Pray John Pray Ephrim Pray Abraham Man: Jos: Woodward Tho: Field Zach:

[1] This paper is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

Field: Ed: Bennet Tho: Clements: Wm Lancaster Wm Hopkins Wm Hawkings John Rodes Sam: Winsor: Tho: Wallen

Voted y^{t} ye many Difficulties & differences amongst vs & all matters concejved to belong to ye disposing of ye Jndjans now to be disposed in ye Towne, shall be referd to fiue men chosen by ye Town, ye Towne promising to acquiesce & rest in ye determination of the sajd fiue men or ye major part of them.

(*Verso*)

The fiue men chosen are Roger Wjlljams: Tho: Harris: Tho: Fjeld Tho: Angel: John Whiple jun^{r}:

The meeting was adjourned to an howre by Sun.

That meeting by occasion of some hurries about Jndjans was hindred

The next morning (| y^{e} | 15th day of Aug:) ye Towne met & ye former Committee of 5 men presented their Agreem^{nt} wch was read & accepted & committed to ye Record.

Agreed y^{t} the Jndjans Awaúscug & ye women & children y^{t} came with him & y^{t} may Come in shall be ye right of all ye Jnhabitants of ye Towne vniuersally,

Memorand y^{t} on ye 25 of August 1676 (so called there came into this Towne One Chuff an Jndian so calld in tjme of peace, because of his Surlines ag^{nst} the English He could Scarce come in being wounded Some few dayes before by Providence Men His wounds were corrupted & stanck & because he had bene a Ring leader all ye War to most of ye Mischiefs to our Howses & Cattell, & what English he could: The Jnhabitants of ye Towne crjed out for Justice ag^{nst} him threatning themselues to kill him if ye Authoritie did not: For wch Reason y^{e}. Cap: Roger W^{ms} Caused ye Drum to be beat, ye Toun Councell & Counce^{ll} of War called, all cried for Justice & Executjon, ye Councell of War gaue sentence & he was shot to Death, to ye great satisfactjon of ye Towne.

At a Towne meeting ye 29 of August: Voted y^{t} all ye Jndians aboue 12 years of age now in Towne or y^{t} shall Come in shall not be suffured in but sent out of ye Towne vntill ye Towne take further order

The 30 of Aug: ye Towne (being adjourned) to ye tre before Wm Fields) voted y^{t} Titus (calld Kewáshinit & his wife & 3 children & ye old man Mamanawant Titus his fath[ ] in Law & ye old Crooked Woman & ye old Woman Peter ye Smiths mother shall stay in ye Towne about Sheapheards well, & there put vp a shed & be at ye Towns dispose.

Ordred y^{t} notwithstanding a former vote such as haue Jndians allready from ye Towne & all others Men Women & Children should be sent out of ye Towne, & this last order for peace sake was yielded to by all for avojding of offence

Record: by Gods Providence jt seasonably came to passe y^{t} Prouidence | Williams | brought vp his mother from Newport in his sloop & cleard ye Towne by his vessel of all ye Jndians to ye great peace & Content of all ye Jnhabitants

(*Recto*)

Record Jn ye 6^{t} mon: calld August were burjed within 2 | or | 3 days each of other Tho: Clements ye younger, & Daniel Fjeld son to John Field both in ye flowre of thejr youth

Jn ye 7th mon: 7 was burjed Sam Wright his son Henry Wrjght of a litle more then a year old:

At a Towne meeting ye 7th of Octob

Deputies were chosen for ye Gen: Assembly ye 23 instant

Jo Sayls Sen

Ed: Jnman

Andr Harris

Ep: Olny

Stephen Arnold Grand Jury

Joseph Willjams

Pettie Jur: John Lapham: Wm Austin Tho Harris sen & Jo: Whiple Senr are chosen to demaund & receaue at euery Garrison what was taken from ye Jndjans

The 20 of Octob was buried James Olny son of Tho: Olny sen^{r}

The 7 of Nov^{emb} (1676 so calld) was buried Sarah ye daughter of Cap: Arthur Fenner

9th 9th was burjed John Smith son of John Smith Mason

Births: Eleazar Whiple had a daughter borne Calld

Sam: Whiple had a son borne calld.

John Hawkins had a son borne y^{e}

Dan: Willjams & y^{e} Widow Rebekah Power were married y^{e} 2 of 10th y^{e} first Mariage since God mercifully restored y^{e} Towne of Prouidence

The 2. of Jan: $\frac{76}{77}$ Sam: Winsor maried y^{e} Widow Mercy Waterman:

Jan 5 $\frac{26}{27}$ a Towne meeting calld by Arth: Fenner Assistant & he chosen Moderatour: at Dan: Abbots

Jt: George Way was chosen Sergeant of the Towne in y^{e} roome of James Olny deceased

(*Verso*)

Jt Capt: Fenner declared y^{t} he Cald y^{e} Town meeting to setle & order y^{e} second Distribucion of y^{e} produce of ye second sale of ye Jndjans wch had bene betrusted (as ye first sale was) to ye Care of Capt Fenner, Jo: Whipple jun^{r} & W^{m}: Hopkins

Jt: after many debates & difficuties how to accomodate this Distribucion jt was Concluded to choose a Committee of fiue Men wch should meet at Dan: Abbots & receaue & judge of euery mans plea & accordingly setle y^{e} Distributjon: The Committee chosen (by papers) were Capt: Fenner Jo: Whipple jun^{r} Ed: Smith: Dan: Abbot & Roger Willjams.

The 15 of Jan: (so called) were maried Joseph Woodward to Mary Pray y^{e} daughter of Rich: Pray: of Prouidence Capt: Fenner being Magistrate:

The 3rd of March 167$\frac{6}{7}$ (so calld) was twice read & published with y^{e} sound of Drum publikely in this Towne y^{e} Kings Maties pleasure to this Colony not to recejue in these parts Nath: Bacon or his Complices who were in Arms in Rebellion agnst his Matie in Virginja

The 11 of y^{e} first | mon: | (March) was born a son to Tho: Fenner

The 2 of ye 2 mo: cald April djed Sarah ye wife of David Whiple

The 10 of ye 2 month | ye Town | was lawfully cald & assembled: Arthur Fenner moderato^{r} choen for Depnties both for ye Court of election & Gen, Assembly: Tho: Olny jun^{r} Stephen Arnold Wm Hopkins & Jo: Whiple jun^{r}

Jo: Sajls sen^{r} & Ed: Jnman sen^{r} for ye grand Jnquest

Sam: Bennet: | & | Wm Austin for petie Jury

Voted y^{t} ye Towne Councill shall warne such as haue set vp fences in ye Common to remoue them as Nusances & the Councell shall cause them to be pulld downe & for those y^{t} haue bene vp 3 years ye Councill shall appoint a man to proseute at Law.

[0235] We whose nanes are here vnder written being chosen by ye Town to set ye diposal of ye Jndjans now in Towne We agree y^{t} Roger. Williams: Nath: Waterman Tho: Fenner Henry Eston: John Moorey: Daniel Abbot James Olney: Val: Whitman: John Whiple sen^{r}: Ephrajm Pray John Pray: John Angel James Angel Thomas Arnold: Abraham Man: Thomas Field Ed: Bennet: Tho: Clements Wm Lancaster Wm Hopkins Wm Hawkins Wm Harris | Zachary Field | Sam: Winsor & Cap: Fenner shall haue equal whole Shares of ye product y^{t} is what is made of | all | ye Companies of Jndjans in Towne this morning when ye Order was made at ye Towne meeting. Jt: we agree y^{t} Joseph Woodard & Rich: Pray shall haue 3 parts y^{t} js 3 quarters of a whole share & | & John Smith miller | Ed Smith Samuel Whiffill & Nelle Whifle & Tho: Wallin shall haue halfe shares togeather with ye former of what js made of th[ ] Jt: y^{t} the Jnhabitants y^{t} desire any of them shall allow for such Jndians whom they take after the rate for wch they are sold at Rode Jland or elswhere.

Jt all vnder 5 years old shall serue vntill thirty

All aboue 5 vnder 10 shall serue | till | the 28 year of their | Ag[ ] |

All aboue 10 to 15 vntill ye 27 year of thejr age

All aboue 15 to 20 vntill ye 26th year

All from 20 to 30 shall serue 8 years

All aboue 30-7 years: or as they can be sold.

Jt they y^{t} haue bene at ye trouble & charge with the keeping of ye Jndians make their demaunds ye Company | shall | satisfie them in reason to thejr Content, or if there be differenc as 2 men chosen shall judg[ ]

Jt ye gun at Mary Prays & y^{t} with Capt: Fenner with ye pray & shall goe vnto ye Common stock

Jf | if | ye Jndjans can be gaind from Rehoboth the product of them shall goe to the aboue named Company

Providence 14 Aug:
76 (so calld)

Roger Wjlljams
Thomas Harris seniar
the mark of X Thomas Angel
Thomas ffield
John Whipple: Junr:

(*Verso*)

Committees Order about ye Jndjans

[0236] The testemony of Hugh Stone takon the 15th August 76

Thatt I Cominge to the Watters syde At prouidence & desired to goe ouer With my horses I beinge Com newly outt of the Woods & Wery & as I stood by the Watters syd Expectinge A Canno William ffoxie being Abord the new Vessell Came Sodenly A shor Where I Was & one A soden Stroke mee With the Stick ore poule hee had Jn his hand befor I Was Awar thereof & Withoutt Speakinge A Word to mee thatt I did Vnderstand ore giue any heed to. Which Soden & Vnexpected Blow soe Amazed mee thatt I sodenly fell to the ground & After I Was downe hee fell one mee & Stroke mee seueral blows more With the pece of the Stick hee brought Jn his hand & After Struke mee With his fist & pulled mee most Violently by the haire of my head soe thatt by means of the blows With his stick & pullinge I haue Lost much of my haire & hee tumbled mee Jn the Watter I Knew nott his Jntent towards mee Jtt maight bee & for ought I knew hee Would haue taken my Lyfe from | mee Jf A man Which Was neare hand had nott Stept Jn & stad him | & All thatt hee Sayd then to mee Was Whatt did yo^{u} tell thatt man Abord of mee, I haue my head & body Brused Jn seuerall places, & blowd drawne att my head & mouth I feare A further Distemper hee Reuyled mee grossly Jn Words Callinge mee Ronagado Ro|a|ge & Cheatting Roage & Was Runa Away & Could nott shew my foote Jn Any other place I Know noe Cause I gaue him for this Abuse Jf Any the Law Was open.

Taken before us Toune Deputies
Arthur Fenner
Henry Reddocke

(*Verso*)

Transactions Remembrances Warrants of ye Towne of Providence

[0237] Wee whose nanes are hereunto Subscribed haveng Right with Some

others to a percell of | Jndians | which came in at two seaverall times, doe Comitt them or so|e| many of them as shall be putt on board to the Care of m^r^ Auther ffenner william Hopkins, and John whipple Jvn^r^ to make Sale and Delivery therof, and to defray such Charges out of the product thereof, as shall Arise by the sayd Jndians, and after reasonable Sattisfaction to the abovenamed made, to make return of the remainder of the product of the sayd Jndians to the Company Conserned

As wittness our handes August^th^ : 16 : 1676 :

Roger Wjlljams Daniell Abbott john mawry Henry Evsten Samuell Wilkisson John pray Eleazar Whipple Ephraim pray: Benjamin Whipple ffrances jnman James Olney. Jonathan Whiple : Sam̄[1] Whipple.

our order for Sayle of Jndians with what we sold.

(*Verso*)

Wee whose names are here unto Subscribed haveing | Right | to the sayd Jndians, as by an Act of a Comitty doth Appeere; Doe betrust impower, and fully Authorise Capt: Author ffenner, William Hopkins, and John Whipple Junr: to hire, and procvre a Boate to transport the sayd Jndians where they may be Sold, and to make Sale and Delivery thereof as fully, and as firmly, as if we were all personally present, And to doe all Such things as shall any ways belong to the transporting makeing Sale or Dissposion of all and Every of the sayd Jndians as above sayd, and to See all Such Chargess as doth arise by the sayd Jndians, after to them Comitted Defrayd out of the product of the Same, and them Selves reasonably sattisfied for theire paines, and then to make returne of the remainder of the product of the sayd Jndians to the sayd Company.

This being our Reall act and Deed as Wittness our handes this : 16th: day of August: 1676:

Roger Wjlljams	John pray
Daniell Abbott	Eliasur whipple
john mawry	John Angell:
Henry Evsten	James Olney:
Nathaniell Waterman	James Angell
Ephraim pray	Vallintine whittman,
Joseph Woodward	Edward Bennett:
Abraham, Man	Thomas ffield

[0238] [1] Providenee 27 10^t^. 1676 (so calld This Writing Witnesseth, That, Whereas Resolued Waterman of providence died intestate at Newport on Rode Jland in ye yeare (so calld) 1671: ye Towne Councjll of providence then in

[1] This paper is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

being made a will in ye deceased Resolued Waterman his stead & agreed y^t ye Widow Mercy Waterman should enjoy ye howse & howse Lot & the other Lands & Meadows & Cattell for her Majntenance & ye bringing vp of ye ye orphans fiue small children And whereas Samuel Windsor of providence, & Mercy Waterman ye Widow are vnder publicatjon of Mariage & ye former Towne Councjll (by reason of hinderances) did not ꝑfect thejr Agreement with such Formalities of Signing Sealing & Recording as js vsual: We the present Towne Councjl judge jt fit & necessary, y^t We testifie & declare our Concurrence & Agrement with ye former Agreem^nt of ye form^r Towne Councjl, although We are but few by reason of ye Sicknes of Some of vs & ye Absence of Some & ye death allso of Some of vs yet notwithstanding We agree with ye former Towne Council, as also | with | ye Wil & Testam^nt of ye Grand Fathers Richard Waterman viz y^t js to Say y^t Richard & Resolved Waterman shall enjoy betweene them ye Meadowes at pawtuxet & ye Land & Meadow at Saxifrage with ye Commonage | to ye 4 mile line west | wch thejr Father bought of Robert West Jtem y^t John Waterman shall enjoy ye Land Meadow & Commonage at Warwick: & 20 Acres of vpland at venture wch Resolued | his Father | bought of Robert West ye 2 daughters Wajt & Mary Waterman shall haue the Land & Meadows & Commonage in ye New divisjon wch Resolued Waterman deceased bought of Robert West & for ye Land, Meadow & Commonage beyond the Seuen mjle y^t jt shall be ye right of Richard & Resolued Waterm|an|

Jtem y^t ye Executrix ye widow Waterman shall pay fiue pound a piece to each of ye daughters Wajt & Mary Waterman when they Come to ye Age of Eighteen.

Arthur ffenner Asistant	L	S
Roger Wjlljams	L	S
Thomas Arnold	L	S

I approue all ye premises

(*Verso*)

Town Councjlls Will for Resolved Waterman /

[0239] An acc^tt of ye first Company of jndians Sould And w^t is by vs allready received

To one jndian	02	10	00
To two jndians	04	10	00
To one jndian	02	00	00
To two jndians	02	10	00
To one jndian	01	00	00
To Peter Eason three jndians	[ ]	05	00
To one jndian	02	06	00
To one jndian	02	10	00
To three jndians	03	00	00
	21	11	00

To one | jndian | in wooll-one hondred waight.

To two jndians Eighty pounds of wooll.

To one jndian in Cloath, two pound. penny stone at $3^s = 6^d$ ℔ yd

To John Nixen ℔ 7 jndians one Snett of Cloathes, & a Remnant of Linen Cloath, two Shirtts, & one p of Drawes

To seaven Bushells of of jndian Corne.

To one jndian 12 Bushells of jndian Corne.

An accovnt of w^t we have not recd of y^e pay of y^e above mentioned first Company of y^e jndians Sould by vs.

To jone Reape one	00	12	00
To peter Eason of ye abovenamed 3 jndians yett remaines due from him	01	05	00

To Edward Richman from him remaines due Thirty two pounds of sheeps wooll.

To james Rogers due by bill 22 Bushells of jndian Corne

(*Verso*)

Heare fowlows y^e ℔ticulars wch belongs to ye first Company wch was Sould by prte Sale wch Amovnteth to 02 19 10

As heareafter apperes

To Richard pray	00	06	00
A gun to m^r ffenner	00	19	03
A gun to joseph woodward	00	16	08
A Skillett to Henry Austance		04	00
A Dish to Na: waterman	00	02	08
To Sam: winsor ℔ netts		04	06
To him ℔ another nett		04	00
To Abra: Man a dish		02	09
The totall	02	19	10.

Wee whose names are Subscribed haveing mett, to cast up what amovnteth to Each man shaire. who hath Right in the first Company of Jndians. according to the Act of the Committy: upon the Deuition thereof Doe find that there is Six-povnds of sheeps wooll ℔^{r} Each man that hath a whole shaire, and for the rest according to that proportion as their shaires bee as also two povnd in penniston to be devided amongst them, which amovnteth to about a quarter | and a halfe quarter | of a yard to Each whole shaire: and so proportionable as also what is Dve for titus and his Company. with some remainder of the wooll, and penniston | if it hole weight, | And to Each whole shaire in Silver forteene shillings, and to the other shaires according to theire shaires:

providence
Decemb^r
the: 29th: 1676

Arthur ffenner
William Hopkins:
John Whipple: Junr

[0240] Know all men by these presents, That Stephen paine of Rehobath in the Colloney of new plimouth in New England, merchant, for Divers Cavses and Considerations me thereunto moveing, Have made Assigned, ordained, Authorized, Appoynted and Depvted, and in my place and Stede by these presents hath put and Cunsstituted my trusty and well beloved frind: John Whipple of the Towne of prouidence in the Colloney of Roade Jsland in New England in America, (junr) my trve and Lawfull Aturney for me and in my name and Stede, and to, and for my only use and [ ]ehovfe, to Aske, Levey, Demavnd, and recover, and receive of any person or persons whatsoever, whome it shall or may by any meanes Conserne all svch Just Debts Dves and Demavndes as shall or may Appeare to be Dve to me the sayd payne frome Lenard Smith of the Aforsayd Towne of prouidene (now Deceased) or his Exsecvtor, | John Smith: | Given and by these presents granting to my Said Attorney full power and lawfull Athority to Sve Arest Jmplead Condem Jmprison, or Atach the Esstat or Esstats of the aforesayd Lenard Smith, or his Exsecutor John Smith of providence (now Deceased) or any person or persons that doth Detaine ocupie or with hold withovt from or by mee the sayd paine or by my Order, and also to Compovnd with the Heires or exsecvtors to the two persons above sayd Deceased, Conserneing the premissess; and after the receipt and Compossiton made acquiticancess or other lawfull Disscharges for the Same for me and in my name and stede to make Seale and deliver as my Act and Deed, Attorney or Attorneys, one or more under him to make and Subsitude and at his pleasure the same to Revooke, and Generally to doe Exsecute performe and fullfill, and ffinnish all and what soever shall be needfull, or necesscary to be done in or abovt the ꝑmises, in as Large and Ample maner and forme in Law justice and Equity as I my Selfe may or might doe if I were personally present

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present ratifyeing Conferming and allowing all and whatsoever my Sayd Attorney shall doe or cavse to be done in and abovt the ꝑmisses to be as Good and as Effectuall in the Law as if I had done the Same in my owne person: as Wittness my hand and Seale this Eighteenth day of December one Thovsand Six hvndred Seaventy and Six: and the twenty Eight yeare of the Reigne of Charles the Seccond E C^{tt}:

Signed, Sealed & Deliver: stepen Payne
in the presents of vs:
The marke
John X Reade:
of
Moses Read
Daniel Read
paynes letter of Attorney:

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[0241] Newport this 28 days $\frac{12}{mo}$ $167\frac{5}{6}$

Cp^{t} ffenner with the: Rest Conserned, freinds I thought good to: present you with my Jnformatione of your euell Suggestions Conserni vs in athority Espetially: myselfe:, (as if not worthy to liue) and Senc opertunitye: suts: am willinge: to Expostelate: a littell with you; being a man: that desiers: the: weele: of this Coleny: and: of: Euery: Jndiuedall person: as my owne and: know: not:, that Just ocatione has binn: Giuen: one our parts:. Though discontent in your Speritts has Rison: because: your: desiers was not answered as two Supley of men, which was our desiers you shoulde haue had, and sufitiant order: was Giuen to Efect the premises, but by Reason: of. wheither and what hapened was obstructed or neglected: but not by vs as will apeare:, but I am satisfied you: hau[ ] not binn: theire by damnified:, by: Reason: the Charge of Solders for wages: Aminitione: and: diate: would: haue: Eaton: you: and vs quite: vp:, and noe advantage by it, wee Judginge your selfes in a capasity: to Secure your persons: and for your out houses: wee neuer: had hops: to Secure:, besid you: haue: binn Exemted: from Rats: and Jmposistiones: which the Jland Expended: Eight hundred ponds: partly for the Ende: you might haue Relefe and to deale plainly with you: wee are not of ability: to keepe Soulders vnder paye: hauing not prouitions:, as bread: (neither are you) Theirefore what you Cann Secure: by your: owne people is best and what you Cannot Secure. is best to be transported heither: for Security, for wee haue noe hops: but Sorows will Jncrease: and time wi[ ] ware you out, and if men leyes vpon: you: theire Charge will be more then yonr profitt twice toulde:, and further my aduice is that you Seeke not helpe from other Coleneys. least it be your vtter Ruin by being made apraye of:, and what you haue Eaton: and: made apraye of., and: your Conserns neuer the: Beetter: (as wittness theire hole proseeds) and not onley soe: but you harsord your selfes, and Estats if any:, to them that shall: haue power to questione you:, for it Euedently apeers the Confederats Colenys: Cannot soport them selfes freinds I Cann: the better: bare what I heare; Remembringe the old prouerbe:, that the loosers should haue leaue to Spake, but it aught to be with in the bounds of Reason:, I know your loses hau[ ] binn Greate and your Exercises many:, which doth and maye Exasprate: to pasionate words, yeett men should keepe with in bounds of Reason:, least what theye threaton others with maye fall vpon them selfes and if Reports are trew: wee haue deserued Such Reproch and I Cann trewly Saye: I haue done to the vtter most of my ability: for your good:

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and doe and shall doe:,, yett wee know the lordes hande: is against new Jngland and noe weapon formed will or shall prosper tell the worke be finished: by which: the wheate is puled vp with the teers: and the Jnosent Soufers with the Guilty: I should be hartily Glade: that any waye for your good: and Saftey did present or that you would propond some waye Efectiall for your good fare well:

Walter Clarke

Water Clarks letter in ye Warr time

[0242] Wee whose names are here unto Subscribed haveing implyed Arthor ffenner. William Hopkins, and John Whipple jun^{r}: to make Sale of a Company of Jndians to us belonging as by Act of the Comittey doth Appeare, they haveing made Sale of the Same, and received a part of the pay for the Same, and haveing proportioned Each man his shaire of what they have received the which amovnteth to Sixteene shillings and fower pence halfe penney | ℘^{r} shaire | the which sayd svmm wee say wee have received, And Doe hereby fully Acquitt and disschareg the abovenamed persons of the same as wittness our handes this first day of Januarey one thovsand, Six hvndred, Seaventy and Six | or 77

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Richard X pray
of
Joseph Woodward
John pray
Thomas Arnold
Samuel Winsor
Ephraim pray
John Whipple: 4
Abraham man: 7:
John Whipple: in
behalfe of Jame olney, : 4:
Samuel Wipell 2
William Havkens jvnr: 4
James Angell
Edward Smith: 2
Eliazvr Whipple: 2
Vallintine Whittman: 4:
John Angell: 4
Thomas ffeild: 4
John Smith: 2
Nathanjel Waterman: 8
Roger Wjlljams

Dan: Abbott
Tho: Wallinge:

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We whose names are under subscribed haveing Jmplyed Arthor ffenner William Hopkins and John Whipp|le| junr: to sell those Jndians belonging to the first Companie as by the Act of the Comitty doth appeare. and they haveing made Sale of them, and proportioned Each man his shaire of what they haue received for them, already: Wee Say wee doe hereby Acquitt and fully Disscharge the Above named persons: of and for our sayd shaire|s therof; which Amounteth, to sixteene

shillings: and fower, pence halfe penney, ℔r man: | as wittness ovr handes this first day of Janvarcy: one thousand, Six hvndred, and Seaventy Six:

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We whose names are heare vnder written who haue[ing] jmplyed Captaine Arther ffenner, John Whipple, William Hopkins for ye selling, & disposeing of a psell of jndians, And they having proposioned | to | Each of vs or shares of ye product thereof according to ye best of there vnderstandings, We having recd or parts, or proposionated shares Allotted vnto vs. | of ye first Company of jndians | or so much of or parts of our shares as we have received We doe heereby fully acquitt & discharge ye Gentlemen aboue named vpon ye accovnts of there jmplyments on or behehalfes as wittnes or hands this first day of january 1676

We whose names are here vnto subscribed haueing jnplyed Arthur fener john whiple and william hopkins to sell the jndians which Came first in, we Doe by thes presents fully Aquit the Aboue named persons for so much of the sum of what we reciue from the Aboue named persons of that produce of the Aboue said jndians,

[0243] Providence 18 6 1677 (vt vulgo)

Honrd Gentlemen: My humble respects presented, with Congratulatjons & prayses to ye most High for your mercifull preservatjons in & through these late bloudy & burning tjmes: Yor peaceable Travelling & assembling amongst ye Ruines & Rubbish of these late Desolacjons wch ye Most High hath justly brought vpon vs.

I Craue Yor gentle leaue to tell you yt I humbly concejue I am called of God to present yor Wisedomes with what Light I can to make yor Difficultjes & Travells ye Easier

I am sore grieved yt a selfe seeking Contentjous soule (who hath long aflicted this Towne & Colony) should now (with his vnreasonable & vnjust Clamors) aflict our royall Soureigne, his honble Councell, (New & Old England) & now yor honrd selues with these his Contentjous Courses

For my selfe, jt hath pleased God to vouchsafe me Knowledge & Experjence of his Prouidences in these parts, So yt I should be vngratefully & treacherouly silent at such a tjme

When his Maties Commissers Col: Nichols &c were here I was chosen by this Colony one of ye Commists to treat with them & with ye Commrs from Plymmouth (who then were the then honrd Govr deceased & yor honrd present Govr about our Bounds: Jt th[ ]n pleased ye Father of Spirit (in whose Most High & holy hand ye Hearts of all men[ ]re) to g[ ]e me such Favor in thejr eyes yt afterward at a great Assembly at Warwick where (yt Fjre brand) Phillip his whole Countrey

was challenged by ye Nahigonsik Sachjms: I was sent for & declared such Transactjons between Old Canounicus & Ousamaquin, y^{t} ye Comm^{rs}: were satisfjed & confirmed vnto y^{t} vngratefull monster his Countrey: The Nahigonsik sachims (prompted by some English) told ye Comm^{rs} y^{t} Mr Willjams was but one Wjtnes but ye Comm^{rs} answered y^{t} they had such Experjence of my Knowledge | of these parts | & Fidelitje y^{t} they valued my Testimonie as much as twentie Witnesses:

Amongst so many passages since W. Har (so long ago) kindled this fire of Contentjon, giue me leaue to trouble you with one when if W. H: had had any desire of Equal & Peaceable Converse with Men thjs fire had bene quenched: Our General Court Mishaúntatuk men & W. Har, agreed y^{t} Arbitracjon should heal this old sore: Arbitrato^{rs} were chosen, & m^{r} Tho: Wjllet was chosen vmpire: He, when they met told them, y^{t} ye Arbitrato^{rs} should Consider of euery plea with Equitie, & allot to euery One what the | Arbitrat^{rs} | Consciences told them was right & Equal: Mishauntatuk Men yielded: W. Carpenter (then one with W. Har) | yielded: W. Har | cried out no, he was resolued All or none: so y^{t} honrd soul m^{r} Wjllet (as himselfe told me) could not proceede, but was forced to draw vp a protest to aquit himselfe & ye Arbitrat^{rs} from ye Neglect of thejr trust y^{t} ye O b:

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Obstructjon might only be lajd on W Har: his shoulders: Concerning whome a volume might be wrjtten of his furjous, Couetuous & contentjous domineering ouer his poore Neigbo^{rs}: I haue presented a Character of him to his Matie (in defence of my selfe agnst hjm) in my Narratjue agnst Geo: Fox printed at Boston. I thinck jt not seasonable here to trouble Yo^{r} patjence with particulars: As to the matter: I humbly refer my selfe to my Large Testimonie, given in wrjting at a Court of Trjalls on ye Jland before y^{t} honoured Gentleman deceased Mr W. Brenton then Govr: At ye same tjme Mr Wm Arnold father to our honrd present Govr & Stukely Westcot (father to our Gov^{rs} wife) gaue in thejr Testimonies with mjne, & W. Har: was cast.

Jn y^{t} Testimonie I declare not only how vnrighteous, but allso how simple js W. Harres his Ground of pleading viz: After Mjantunômu had set vs our Bounds here in his owne person, because of ye Envjous clamo^{rs} of some agnst my selfe: One amongst vs (not I) recor|d|ed a Testimonie or Memorand of a Courtesie added (vpon request) by ye sachim, in these Words Vpstreams without Lymmits: ye courtesie was requested & granted, y^{t} being shortned in bounds by ye Sachjm because of ye Jndians about vs jt might be no offence if our few Cowes fed vp ye Riuers where no body dwelt, & home againe at night: this hastie vnadvised

Memorand W. H. jnte[ ] et[ ] Bounds | set | to our Towne: | by a sachim | but he would set no Bounds to our Catle but vp ye streams so far as

they brancht or run so far all ye Meadowes & at last all the vplands must be drawne into this accidentall Courtesie & y^t vpon no Consideracjon | giuen | nor ye Sachims knowledge or hand, nor Witnesses nor date, nor for what tearme of Time this Kindnes should Continue 2. Jn my Testimonie I haue declared y^t Miantunnôm having set such short Bounds (because of ye Jndjans) vpon my Motion paym^nts were giuen by vs to Alex Alexander & Phillip & ye Nahigonsik Sachims (neere two hundreth & fiftie pound) | in their pay | for in land Enlarge-m^nts, according to leaue granted vs by ye Gen Court vpon our Petitjon: Thjs act of purchase & satisfactjon to all clajmers W. Har puts a rotten title vpon jt & calls jt Confirmacjon a Confirmatjon of y^t Title & graunt of Vpstreams without Lymmits: But all ye Sachjms & Jndjans, when they heard of such an Jnterpretatjon they crjed Commootjn, lying & stealing, as such a Cheat as stunck in thejr pagan nostrills.

Hon^rd s^rs, Let me now add to my Testimonie, a Lyst of seuerall ℘sons wch clajm ye Right & disposing of all or Considerable parts of these Nahigonsik & Cowwesit | Oneepmuck | Lands &c

First ye Colon: of Conecticut by ye Kings Grant & Charter, 2

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by ye lateWars wherejn they were hono^rably assistant.

2 ye Colony of Plymmouth by virtue of Tacommanans Surrender of his ℘son & Lands to thejr protectjon: & I haue seene a letter from ye present Govr Winslow to Mr Rich Smith about y^t matter.

3 The Colony of Rode Jland & Providence Plantatjons by Gra[ ] from his Matie, & Confirmacjon from his Maties Commis^rs who calld these Lands ye Kings Province, & Committed the Ordering of jt to this Colony vntill his Maties further Order

4 Many Emjnent Gentlemen of ye Massachusets & other Colonies clajm by a Mortgage & Forfieture of all lands belonging to Nahigons|it|

5 Our ho^rd Go^r m^r Arnold & diuers with him are out a round sum of Money & Cost about a purchase from Tacummanan

6 The like Clajme made | was & is made | m^r John Browne & m^r Tho: Willet (hon^rd Gentlemen deceased | & their successo^rs | from purchase with Tacummanā[ ] & I haue seene thejr deeds & Col: Nichols his Confirmacjon of them vnder hand & seale in ye name of ye Kings Matie:

7 Wm Harris pleads vp streams without Lymmits & Confirmacjon from ye other sachims of y^t vpstreams &c

8-8 Mishuntatuk men clajme by purchase from Jndjans by possession building & improvm[ ]ts

9 Capt: Hubbard & some others of Hi[ ]gham & Rehoboth by purchase from ye Jndjans

10 John Tours of Hingham by three purchases from Jndjans

11 Wm Vaughan of Newport & others by Jndjan purchase:

13 Randall of Scituate & White of Taunton & others by purchase from Jndjans

14 Ed: Jnman of Prouidence by purchase frō ye Natiues

15 The Towne of Warwik who Challenge 20 mile, about part of wch Wm Har Contending with them jt js sajd was ye first occasion of W. Har. falling in Loue with this his monstrous Diana: vpstreams without Lymmits, y^{t} so he might antidate & prevent (as he speaks) ye blades of Warwik

16: The Towne of Providence by virtue of Caunounicus & Miortuow^mus Graunt, renewed to me againe & again viz of as Large a plantatjon & Accomodatjon as any Towne in this Countrey of N: Engl: Jt js known what Favou^{r} God pleasd to giue me with ould Canounicus (though at a deare bought rate) so y^{t} I had what I would (so y^{t} I obserued my Times & Moderatjon:) But 2 or 3 Envjous & vngratefull Soules amongst vs crjed out What is R. Wjlljam[ ]

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We will haue ye Sachims Come set our bounds before vs wch he did & (because of his Jndjans round about vs) so sudden & so short, y^{t} we were forced to petitjon to ou^{r} Gen: Court for Enlargeme^{nts}

Honrd S^{rs} there be other Clajmo^{rs} & therefore I presume Yo^{r} wisedomes will send forth yor proclamatjons to all ye Colonyes y^{t} all Clajm^{rs} may Come in before you at Yo^{r} next Meeting & Oh y^{t} jt would please ye most High to moue ye Colonies Hearts to impower you, & moue Yo^{r} Hearts to be willing (being honorably rewarded) & ye Hearts of ye Clajmers to acquiesce & rest in yor Determinacions: And oh let not ye Colonies of Conecticut of Rode Jland &c be offended if I humbly beseech them for Gods Sake, for ye Kings sake, for ye Countrey of N. Engl: sake for thejr owne soules & selues & posteritie sake to prevent any more Complaints & Clamo^{rs} to ye Kings Matie & agree to submit thejr Differences to ye Wisedome of such sollemne Comm^{rs} chosen out of ye whole Countrey: I know there are objectjons but allso know y^{t} Loue to God, Loue to ye Cou[ ]trey & posterities will conquer greater Mat|ters| & I belieue ye Kings Matie himselfe wjll giue vs thancks for sparing him & his hon^{ble} Councell frō being troubled with vs

Honrd s^{rs} Jf his Matie & hon^{nable} Councell knew, how agnst all Law of Eng^{l} W Har. thus affects N. & old Eng^{l} viz y^{t} a V[ ]t Countrey should be purchased, & yet be but a poore Courtesie from one Sachim who, vnderstand no such thing nor they y^{t} begd jt of him who had not nor askt any Consideratjon for jt, who was not desired to set his hand to jt nor djd: nor are | they | ye hands of witnesses but ye parties themselus, nor no date, nor tearme of time for ye vse of feeding of o^{l} Cowes vp streams without Lymmits & yet those words [vpstreams without

Lymmjts] by a sudden & vnwary hand so written must be ye Ground of W. H thus raising of a fire (about these 30 Years vnquencheable

Jf his Matie & Councell knew how many of his good Subjects are clajm^rs & Competito^rs to these Lands & Meadowes, vp ye streams, of Pawtuxet & Pawtuckqut (though only one Comes thus Clamouring to him) to cheat all ye rest,

Jf his Matie & Councjll knew this Confirmacion W. H talks of what a grand cheat jt js stincking in ye Nostrills of all Jndjans, who subscribed | to | & Confirmed only such bounds as were form^rly giuen vs & W. Har: clamours y^t they Confirmed Miantum^mues grant of vpstreams without Lymmi a thing wch they abhor to heare of & (amongst others) was one great occasion of thejr | late | great burning & slaughtering of vs[1]

[0244] Providence 24. 1. 167$\frac{6}{7}$ (so calld

Whereas John Smith Son of John Smith Mason (both of this Towne of Providence) departed this Life in Decemb this Last yeare, intestate We the towne Councjl of Prouidence Constitute & appoin Joseph Smith bro: to y^e sajd John a true & Lawfull Administrat^r to take y^e Lands & Goods belonging to his bro: John into his hands, allso his debts | due to him | & to make true, & Lawfull payment to his Credito^rs & the Credito^rs of Leonard Smith whose Executo^r John was so far as ye estate will reach: Jf ye estate proue short he js to abate & make equall Division amongst y^e Credito^rs: Jf ought be over plus he js to take jt to himselfe

Arthur ffenner Asistant [L S]
Roger Wjlljams [L S]
Nathaniell Waterman [L S]
Thomas Arnold [L S]

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Letters of Administration to Joseph Smith.

[0245] Providence 2. Febr: 167$\frac{6}{7}$ (as Called)

We whose names are vnde|r|neath subscribed, being y^e Towne Councell of this Towne & met about setleing of y^e Estate of James | Olny | of this Towne deceased intestate: And having receaved of Tho: Olny jun^r a resignation of any of his clajme to ought y^t was his brother James | Ony's | deceased & giving, vs Reasons sufficjent why what his brother James Olny was Possessed with ought to be at ye dispose of thejr Father Tho: Olny Senr: to be disposed of to ye Relatjons of ye deceased, according to ye wisedome & Discretjon of their sajd Father Tho: Olny Senr: We having seriously weighed all Matters presented to vs Concerning this Busines declare y^t | this is | our Determinatjon viz: We setle & Establish Tho:

[1] This instrument is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

Olny Senr: full & sole Executo^{r} to ye Estate of his son James Olny: Not doubting but y^{t} his Loue to ye Dead & Living is such, & his Wisedome & Discretjon allso such, j^{t} what he Concejues just & Convenient to ye Desires of ye Dead he will to the best of his vnderstanding Carefully & faythfully accomplish, as allso such Requisites & Duties as belonge to an vpright & faythfull Executo^{r}: Jn witnes to ye premises We set to our hands & Seales ye day & yeare aboue written,

Arthur ffenner Asistant [L S]
Roger Wjlljams [L S]
Nathaniell Waterman [L S]
Thomas Arnold [L S]

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Towne Councills will for James Olny

[0246] The Kings Maj^{tie}. haveing required vs by his Express order bearing date at his Majesties Court, Whites Hall the 3^{d} Day of Novemb^{r} 1676, in the 28th yeare of his Reigne. Wherein his Maj^{tie} is pleased to signifie his pleasure to be. That if Nathaniell Bacon; or any of his Complices in the Rebellion in Vergenia, doe for their safety, or otherwise, retreate, or resorte into this Province, or any part thereof; That we cause hime or them, and Every of them, to be forthwith seized and secured &c. And be further proceeded with, as, and where his Maj^{tie} hath required According to Law. We being alsoe further required to make Proclamation streightly forbiding all and every the Planters, and Jnhabitance of this his Maj^{ties} Province to joyne with the sayd Rebells, or to Aford them, any Armes, Amonition, Provetion, or Asistance of any kinde whatsoever. And to jnjoyne all here to opose the s^{d}. Rebells in all things as occation shall be, According to his Maj^{ties} Comand. And in his Maj^{ties} behalfe Charles the 2^{d} King of England Scotland, France and Jreland &c. to require the Gen^{ll} Serj^{t} of this his Maj^{ties} Colony, with the beate of A Drum to proclaime all that is herein written. To say, streightly charging in his Maj^{ties} name all Persons within this Jurisdiction, vpon the sight, or knowledge, or information of the Arivall or comeing, or of here being of Nathaniell Bacon, or any of his Complices, Rebells who have beene in the Rebellion in Vergenia, forthwith, Either themselves, att the ffirst Apeareance (if they can) to seize hime, or them, and every of them, or to give Jnformation to others to seize them, or to informe the next Cunstable, or Justice of Peace, that he or they, and every of them may be seized, secured, and Proceeded with According to the Kings Maj^{ties} order and Law. And before they can be taken, not to Aford them any Ayde, reliefe, or Asistance of any kinde whatsoever, as they will Answer the Contrary at their Perill.

By order of the Gen^{ll} Councell mete this
17th Day of ffeb^{ry} $\frac{1676}{7}$ ℘ John Coggeshall
Secret^{ry}.

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ffor Providence to be Published wth the beate of Drum̄ at 2: or 3 noted places. By order of y^{e} Gen^{ll} Councell ℘ John Coggeshall Secret^{ry}

[0247] i) Att a Towne meetting march the: 4. [ ]77 m^{r} Roger williams Chosen: modderator,

Voated by y^{e} Towne, that the matter preposed by bill to the Towne Conserning wacthing, warding: Scovtting, or sending out such force as we Cann rayse to be sent out to range the woods: be reffered to the Counsell of Warr to order acording to theire deseretion,

Voated by the Towne, that where as there is money in Jo^{n}: whipple Junr hand that was payd in by Ephraim pearce, for the Townes use, and the Towne haveing formerly ordered the same to buy Towne books with and not being yett layd, | out | there being more then ordenary Ocation to make use of, | it | the Towne, doe now order the abovesd Jo^{n}: whipple to delive the owne halfe thereof to him whome the Company that is goeing into the woods to to seek for and persve the Comon Enemye shall make Choyce of for theire leader, to be yovsed for the Bennifitt of the sayd Company, and his the sayd leaders recept to the sayd Jo^{n} whipple shall be the sayd whipple^{s} Sufficient disscharg, for the same,

Voated by ye Towne, for the Jncorigement of those that shall goe forth to range the woods for the Comon Ennemy, if they or any of them shall be wounded, they shall be relived by the Towne as farr forth as the law hath provided in svch case, and if the Towne be not of abillity to performe the same, then the

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2) the Towne will take svch Care that the Collony shall Consider | them | as his majesty law in warlike, Cases hath provided, to the which they Engage themselves,

The meetting is desolved,:

Att a Towne meeting Aprill the: 6 : 1678

Tho: olney senr Chosen moderater,

Chosen Deputys to serve in the Gen^{r} Assemby at the Election and in ye Genr Assembly the day before ye Election, are Edward Jnman Samvell Bennett, Tho: Arnold and William Havkins jun^{r}

Chosen to serve on the Grand jnquest at the Gen^{r}: Court of tryalls to be held at newport, the first monday next following the first wendsday in may next, are Thomas Harris jvnr and Daniell Abbott,

John Steere and John Jnman are Chosen to Serve on jury of. Trialls at the Generall Court aforesayd,

Voated by ye Towne that ye Deed presented by Rebecah Scott Signed walter Clarke, be r corded

Voated by ye Towne, that Capt: Arthor ffenner, and Thomas Harris Senr, are appoynted to goe to pavtuckett, and agree with Joseph jiencks: aboute bovnding out a peice of land for the Bennifitt of Fishing and a high way to it; and make reterne of it to ÿ^e Towne,

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[0248] 3) Ordred y^t all ye fences about all ye Comon ffields of this Towne shall sufficiently be made up betweene ye day of ye date hereof & ye 14th of this instant, upon ye penalty of 3^s, 6^d, ℔ pole for Each defect to be taken by destraint from ye owners of ye defective fence; & y^t 2 men be chossen to vew ye fences & judge of ye sufficency thereof, & to cause all defects to be made up & | ye workemen | to be payd out of ye aforsd penalty

The men Chosen to vew ye aforesd ffences are Epe: Olney & Jo^n Arnold, for ye vper ffield, Nath: watterman, & Ed: Smith for ye midle ffield; & Sam: Winsor & Will Hopkins for ye Lower field.

Where as John Whiple jun^r: had in his handes 20^s of ye Townes money, The sayd John haveing already procured 3 paper bookes & presend them this day to ye Towne, ye Towne accepteth of ye sayd Bookes for ye sd 20^s & doth hereby clearely aquitt & discharge the sd John Whipple of ye sd money.

Voated by the Towne that ye bill presented by will Harris: and the bill presented by Ann Harris be both of them refered to ye next quarter meetiing

(*Verso*)

4) Voated [ ]y ye Towne, that Thomas olney junr shall or may make use of some part of ye High way on the south side of his lott, till such time as the Towne shall runn a line of Deuition betwixt ye sayd lott, and the high way, and not be Covntd a trancegracer | in any wise | thereby,

Att a Towne meeting Aprill y^e: 27th: 1678 it being ye Townes quarter day Capt Arthor Chosen Modderator

Jt is granted that Ephraim pearce shall have his land recorded that he bovght of ye Towne acording to ye retorne mad|e| by ye serveior, as also have his Deed recorded | the sayd Deed | Signed Vallentine Whitman

Voated by ye Townes, that ye Coppie of the originall of the warrant (to Thomas olney and John Whipple Assistants) signed peleg sanford be recorded in our Towne records

Voated by ye Towne that ye retvrne made by m^r ffenner, m^r Stephen Arnold, and William Hopkins abovt ye head of wannassquatuckett, | river | is Excepted by the Towne to be the Head, and to be recorded:

Voated by ye Towne that m^r fenner procvre John Smith | the | surveior to Come to this Towne to rvnn̄ the lines according to the verdict of the Jvry and the Covrts Exceptance thereof

the act abote Jiencks to be entered upon record in this meetg

(*Recto*)

5) Voated by ye Towne that Capt: ffenner Thomas Arnold, and William Hopkins are Chosen to goe with Jo^n^: Smith | the | Serveior to rvnn̄ the lines according to verdict of the Jvry and the Covrts Exceptance thereof

Voated by ye towne that ye meetiing is ajovrned to the next wensday come Seaven night:

Voated The Towne is againe mett, according to theire, Ajornement, Arthor ffenner Continews moderator,

Voated Wheras the Towne did upon the th 4: of Jvne last past, order and Appoynt Capt: Arthor ffenner to vew with Jo^n^: whipple Jvnr: the Towne recordes in ye sayd ffenners hands, and to see what is remaine|in|g since theiy were defaced by the Jndians and to retvrne them to John whipple Jvnr our now Towne Clarke, And the sayd Arthor ffenner haveing vewed them, and made returne to the Towne what is wanting, and returned the rest according to ye Townes order, with a list of them to be kept upon file, wee ye sd Towne doe herby fully Acquitt and disscharge ye sd Arthor ffenner of ye same Voated The Towne of providen|c|, has Chosen Capt Arthor ffenner, to make his humble Adress, to his majestys mvch honered Covrt of the Comition^r^: from ye Collonys and ye sd Towne doth hvmbly pray the Honered Covrt

(*Verso*)

6) Co[ ]o vochsafe ye sd Capt ffenner Creditt and leave to speake and Answer in ye sd Townes behalfe, as if ye sd Towne were personally present sitting at Boston | vpon Ajorn̄ | y^e^: th 23 of this Jnstants may: The meeting is Ajorneed, to this day Come Seaven night,

the Towne is againe mett Acording to theire Ajornement Arthor ffenner Contineweth modde the meeting is Ajorned to y^e^: th 18: day of this Jnstant may: at twelve a Clock of the sd day

The Towne is againe mett Acording to theire: Ajoerement

The Towne meetting is dissolved,

(*Verso*)

Towne orders pearce his land the Coppie, Jo^n^, ffeilds land the returne, Tom ffeilds bovnds of his lott,

George way^s^ warrant for Calling a meeting by ye Comitiō: order

[0249]

Pro: 4
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(so cald)
} A List of Papers deliuered to John Whiple jun^r^ chosen Towne Clark by Roger Willjams former Town Clark.

1 Towne Meetings Votes & orders

2 Committees Order about Jndjans
3 Generall Record about Probate of Wjlls
4 A Will for Resolued Waterman
5 A Will for Hen: Wright
6 H Wrights Jnventorie
7 Leonard Smiths Will
8 Proclamation ag^{nst} Bacon &c
9 A Will for James Olny
10 Apprizal of John Smiths Estate
11 Tho: Olny jun^{r} his Letter to ye Council
12 Tho: Olny sen^{r} his dispose of J: Olnys Estate
13 A bond from Jos: Smith
14 Administration to Jos: Smith
15 James Olnys debto^{rs}

(*Verso*)

A Coppie what papors m^{r} Roger williams Delivered vp to y^{e}: Towne /

[0250] To y^{e}: Towne mett Aprill y^{e}: 10th: 1677 whereas the Towne have bene long in my Debt, these are to signifie to the Towne that I doe demavnd my Dves of yov: or Elce I shall be forced to take some other way for the getting my money: yovr ffreind:

Epenetvs Olney

[0251] To ye towne of providence this 10th of Aprill 1677:
These are to desire to know of ye towne whether they will now at this juncture of time be pleased vnamously to proceed to Lay out theire | 60 acars of | Landes betwixt ye 4 mile Line, & ye 7 mile Line, according to ye Draughts of theire papers, As also theire 50 Acars on ye East side of ye 4 mile Line; for my part, I have an occation to haue mine speedily Layd out for my Conveinency

Daniell Abbott

[0252] The. Declarã. and Complaint of Thomas Ward Gen^{rl} Treasurer of his Maj^{ties}. Collony of Rhode. Jsland and providence plantations &c. plaintiff against William Richardson of of Newport Defend^{t} in an action of the case for Debt due to the aforesaid Collony beareinge date the Twenty Second day of June 1677. Sheweth that whereas the Said William Richardson defendant beinge a freeman of the Said Towne, was in the quarter meetinge held the 25th day of Aprill 1677 chosen and Elected to Serve on the jurry of Tryalls in the Gen^{rl} Court of Tryalls to be held for the Said Collony at Newport afore .said in May, then next insueinge,

off which Said Election Leagall Notice was given unto the Said defend^{t} And he Reqnired to attend the Said Service accordingly, Notwithstandinge all which the Said defend^{t} Disregardinge The performance of his said duty did Neglect to apeare at the said Court, though offten Called, for which said Contempt of him the Said defendant, accordinge to Law he was fyned by the Said Court of Tryalls twenty Shillings in Currant pay, for Levieinge of which Said Sum̃. on the Estate of the Said defend^{t} a warrant was Jssued forth, but there beinge noe Vissable Estate, belonginge to the Said defend^{t} to be found in this Collony whereon, to Serve the Said Warrant The Said plaintiff is Constrained to Comence this his Said action of five pounds sterll damage against the person of the Said defend^{ts} and therefore on behalfe of the Said Collony desires justice in the Case.

Thomas Ward Gen^{rl} Treasurer plaintiff.

A True Coppy. as Atests John Sanford Recorder.

[0253] To the Towne mett: July the 27th: 1677

I desire I may haue my deeds recorded in yor: Towne Records,

Ralfe paine

this Bill granted by the Towne

(*Verso*)

To ye Towne mett Jvly: 27th: 1677:

I desire the Towne to take some care that a Book or Books be had for the recordi[ ] of Deeds and svch others things as c[ ] the Towne:

This Bill granted John w[ ]
by the Towne /

[0254] ffor as much as the Towne of prouidence did at a Towne metiñg of Election held upon the 4th. day of June 1677 order and Appoynt Capt Arthor ffenner and John Whipple Jvnr: to vewe all the Books and writings which belong to ye sd Towne now in the hands of the sd ffenner, and to see in what Conditoñ they are and to take a list of them, they both Signeing to the sayd list: The which we have done as ffolloweth, Viz^{lt}

Jt The Towne old Book, now Containeing of 70: leaves and one nott wrott upon, soe there is wanting: 65: leaves, the Book being mvch defaced,

Jt The longe Book with parchments Covers Cheifely Consistin of records of Deedes | is | of Lands, now Containeing of :69: leaves, and 7 peces of leavs all wrott vpon. besides two leaves pinned to an other soe there is twenty leaves wanting.

Jt The new Book with Brass Clapes, Containeing of: 164: pages wrott upon, besides fower leaves wrott upon which are nott | paged | as also: 18:

leaves wrott upon at that End of the Book where the Alphabett is: soe there is one leave wanting that wass wrott upon,

Jt The little Book with parchment Covers wherein was the Entry of actions, is wanting:

Jt papors of Gennerall Assemblys Acts to the nvmber of : 23: Each of them haveing the seale of the Colloney Affixed, the seales being all of them in good Condition not defaced, Saveing only one, which is an Assemblys Acts bereing date may the 4th: 1669: soe that there is to the number of soe many wanting as haue came to the Towne since Jon: whipple Jvnr delivered vp ye Books,

Jt one papor of the Genell: Covnsells acts with the seale of the Collony afixed: is wanting:

Jt A papor of williams Harris put into the Towne at a Towne meetng Janvarey the: 27th: 1670 containing the accovnt of a rate or Rates, is wantin and nott to be fovnd,

Jt A Small papor Book Containing the Enrolements of wills:

Jt Co|v|rts Acts Sewed to geather, in the manner of 2th: Books, as also Severall Courts acts made vp in rovles to the nvmber of 18, with noe seales affixed, there being other Covrts acts Sewed up in the manner of a Book which is wanting.

Jt Severall Coppies of william ffeilds: and william Carpenters papors,

Jt A Deed of Gift from Richard waterman to his Grand Children, the Chilldren of Resolved waterman, deceased,

Jt The will and Jnventory of Zachary Roads Deceased, wanting.

Jt The Towne Covnsells will vpon the Esstate of Samvell Comstock: deceased is wanting

Jt The Towne Covnsells will and Jnventory upon the Esstate of George Rikerds, is wanting

Jt The Bond from George Kindrick, to the Towne Covnsell of prouidence, is wanting

(*Verso*)

Jt The will and Jnventory of william ffeild, Deceased: is wanting

Jt The Acts of the Towne Covnsell the :4th: of Aprill: 1670: is wanting,

Jt The letter of Adminisstration from the Towne Counsell to mary Mawrey with Six seales affixed, is wanting.

Jt The Bond from Mary Mawrey to the Towne Covnsell bearing date the 9th: day of September: i669: with her Seale affixed, is wanting

Jt The old Deede called the Towne Evidence

Jt The Deed of Confirmeation from Cussvckqunsh, and Nenekelah with Richard Smith junr tesstemony pinned there to

Jt The Deed of Confirmation from Scattupp, & Quéquágónvett,

Jt The Deed of Confirmation from Cávjanaquant, being also Svbscribed Aiaquaomitt. The 3th: Deedes of Confirmation being all indorssed with tesstemonys on the Back Sides,

Jt The Deed in parchment from mr Roger williams to the Towne of prouidence,

Jt Eleaven papors from severall Jndians of Resignements: of Claimes, as from wamsittow Alias Alexander, phillip: wottiation, wessavmavge, Antionitt, Tom of wachamokett, and others, all wanting

Jt The will & Jnventorey of Joshva ffoote Deceased, is wanting

Jt The Jnventory of the Esstate of John Clawson, As also an accovnt in a papor by Thomas olney senr of the disspossition of John Clawsons goods;

Jt The Bond of Joshva winsor & James Ashton, As also the Award of Arbetration upon a defferance betwene ye sd winsor, and James Ashton.

Jt The Jnventvre of Daniell Comstock:

Jt As also severall other papors, the rest of the Towne Records nott, perticvlerized, (now remaining) with a linning Bagg in which they are in Clossed,

Jt | memorll | a papor signed william Harris beareing date ye 15th: of Decemr: 1669. Jndorssed on ye back sid, A protest against Dexters plaister, is wanting

Jt The will and Jnventory of Thomas walling (deceased, wanting,

prouidence
october the
:27: 1677:

Arthur ffenner
John Whipple Junr:

[0255] Att A Court of Comitioners held at prouidence in the Collony of Rhoad | Jsland | and prouidence plantations &tc: by adjurnement the 17th day of Nouembr 1677 by his Majesties Spetiall Comand &c:

To Mr: Thomas Olney and Mr: John Whipple Assista|nts| of the towne of prouidence Greeting &c

You are in his Maj|ties Name| desiered and Requiered, withall Conuenient Speed, to: Sommons the freemen of the Said towne of prouidence, to meete: together, then and theire, to make Choyce of, Authorize and Jmpower Soe many of the Said ffreemen, as you shall Judge, Requisete or Needfull, to Runn a direct Lyne from the head of Wenasquetucket Riuer Athwart, to pawtuxet Riuer, and then to Runn. a Lyne Equaly Betweene, the Said Riuers of Wenasquetucket, and pawtuxet till they meete with the afore Said thwart Lyne, According to the Verdicts of Jury and Judgements of Court theiron Granted: and for your Soe doeing this shall bee your Soffitient Warrant

Given vnder our hands the 24th day of Nouember 1677

Simon Lynde
George Denison
Daniell Wetherell

Tho Hinckley Presidt
James: Cudworthy
Peleg Sanford
John Coggeshall

(*Verso*)

The Comitiors order to Call our Towne togeather to runn theire devieding line betwixt harris and them and to settle ye Head of ye river,

[0256] By vertue of a warant from ye Governor in his Majesties name These are to Require you to Assemble the freemen of yor Towne together to make due and orderly preparation for ye Generall Court of Tryalls to be held in his Majesties name at Newport the Last wedensday saue one Jn october next Enseuing the date of these prsents, being the 24th day of ye sd month, and that they Chuse and Send in so many men and so quallyfied as by Law ordered for yor Towne to serve on ye grand inquest, and jury of Trialls att ye sd Court, and also that you make deu and orderly preparation for ye Genll: Assembly to be held according to his Majesties Gratious Charter, at Newport the Last wedensday in october yeerly, which will this yeer be upon the one and thirtieth day of the sd Month; By Electing Such and so many men for deputies, as by the Charter yor Towne is Jmpowered and aapoynted, and them to send in to Sitt and act in the Genll Assembly together with ye Majestrates for ye Transacting and Regulating the affaires of this Colony and Corporation accordingly, herof faile nott

Given under my hand the 20th September 1677

Thomas Fry Jeall Sariant

(*Verso*)

To Mr Thomas Olny and Mr Stephen Arnold | junior | Asistants for ye Towne of providence, or either of them These with Care prsent

Rob: Williams Writtings heare inclosed

[0257] To George Way Serjant of Providence

You are hereby in his majestyes | name | Required to give timely Notice to all ye freemen of this Towne of Providence who are Concerned in ye Comons thereof, to meete together at ye howse of Thomas field the 24th day of this Jnstant, at | Eight of ye Clock in mornn | to Consider about Running of a line betwene the Townes land & ye Land of Pautuxett as also a line from ye head of Wanasquatucke|tt| River, to Pautuxe River; Jt being so ordred & apoynted by ye Comissioners; And hereof you are not to fayle:

December ye 17th; j677:

The 24th day will be this day 7 night

Tho: Olney Asistant.
John Whipple: Asistant:

[0258] Be it knowne to all persons by these present|s|, That I Hennery Mattisson resident upon prudence Js=land, in the Colloney of Roade=Js=land and prouidence plantations in New=England, have Sold unto Rebecah Scott of providence in the Colloney aforsd, a Horse of a darkess Browne Covler, with a Slitt in the topp of the neere Eare, with Some white haires on the forehead, branded on the | neere | shovlder with the letter: I the which Sayd Horse to her Sold I will at all times by these presents, warrant the Sale thereof against all other Claimers whatsoever that the Sale therof is a Just Sale, Jn Wittness whereof, I doe hereunto sett my hand and seale, This : twenty Eight day of Decemb^{r}: 1677

Henere mattesson
L S

Signed, Se|a|led, & Deliverd
in the presents of uss
Epenetus Olney
Samuel. Winsor

[0259] Warwicke this 3i of December i677

Honored Gentlemen vnderstandinge that you are to meet vpon adjournment the day of the date herofe to order the runinge of a line accordinge to verdickt of Jury at a Court of Comissioners held at Providence the 17th of November i677 wee whose names are herunto subscribed beinge chosen Agents to manadge an apeale made | at | the Honored Court of Comissioners aforesayd against Mr William Harris & Mr Thomas ffield, and makinge preparation therfore, doe desier that a good correspondency may bee still kept betwixt your Towne of Providence & o^{rs} of Warwicke & therfore doe desier you not to come within the boundes of the North line of o^{r} Purchase of Warwicke and that you may bee acquainted where o^{r} line runes if you please to apoint any of your selves to come to vs wee shalbee ready to apoint one or more to shew you the line wee likewise desier that these lines may bee read in the audience of William Harris & Thomas ffield that they may not plead they were jgnorant of o^{r} proceedinges herin, and so Gentlemen wee take leave and remain your lovinge friendes & Neighbours Agents in behalfe of the Towne of Warwicke,

John Greene se^{r}
Randall Houlden

(*Recto*)

Bills, with a letter from from walter Clerk

(*Verso*)

To o^{r} lovinge friendes & Neighbours the Towne of Providence to bee presented with speed,

Warwicks: letter to our Towne,

[0260] Laid out vnto M Roger Williams | three and | thirtie Acres of vp Land on the northen Eand of a hill Called Setamechut and it is bound at the East side with the fifti Acre Share that Was laid out vnto Resolved Waterman and on the West side withe Comon and on the south Eand With th Comon and on the northeren Eand With the Comon and at the fower Corner there is trees marked and stones Laid aboute them and this Land Was Laid out by the eighteene foot pole in the yeare 1677

By me Arthur ffenner Survayer

(*Verso*)

y^t A Hill Called or knowne by the name of Nonplush Hill

[0261] To ye Towne met this 27th of Junnary 1678.

That for as much as in ye Townes name & behalfe John Smith Surveyer was jmplyed to Run ye Lines of Divission betwixt ye bovndes of pautuxett men, & ye Towne boundes of providence, &c These are to desire y^t ye Towne may now take care to Answer theire Engagm^ts vnto ye Sayd John Smith. And we who Subscribe this, are ye major part of those men who was jmplyed on ye Townes behalfe. And | seeing itt was soe we[ ] | therefore ye better Reason for them soe to Consider it. as to take some speeddy course for ye dischargeing ye sayd Engagement of ye Toowne of providence: Jf then soe Answered, Shall We remaine yor ffriends & servants

William Hopkins:
Thomas Arnold

(*Verso*)

To ye Towne mett vpon jurnment ffeb: 24th, i678: or 79. /

These are to desire ye towne would be pleased to grant me ye favour y^t ye deede of ye Land | w^ch | I have bought of will: Hopkins, may be putt vpon ye publick Record of ye Towne: I paying ye Clerke for his paines, & my deed delivered to me againe. for ye wth soe doing I shall be jngaged wth thankfullnesse vnto you, And remaine yor ffriend

George Keech:

[0262] Westerly this 1: of the first Month 1678

Vs your Bretheren & sisters Asembeled Togeather at the hows of Tobias Sanders wisheth you all grace mercy and peac jn our Lord Jesus Crist and that boath you and vs may stand feirm suer and stable jn the faith and order of the Gospell Till he Coms who will Com and will not Long Tarry. to whom be prais onner and Glory Throughout all his Churches world with out End Amen

Dear and well beloued jn our Lord Jesus Crist this may signifi vnto you that your Cearfull salutacion wee Recived Dated the 13. of the 12. month Last past by Peter Crandall for for which as Duti and good afections Binds vs wee Return

you thanks hoping that thees will find you jn good health as wee ar through mercy at this present. | in health and in peac | and can asemble our selues To geather non making vs afraid. wee doe desier that this great priviledg may be prized arcording to the valy of it and that wee might not wex wanton and Carless vnder such great jnioyments. but that boath you and vs may Carfully stand vpon our watch. and Earnestly Craue the Assistanc of his holy sperit. so that Nither this or any other of his Benifits may slip out of our minds to that End wee Earnestly Desier your praiers to allmity God the father of our lord jesus Crist that he will b[ ] pleased to Giue vs such [ ] manyfirsta[ ]ion of his holy spirit that wee may stand jn the faith an[ ]rder of the Gospell | fast | that wee haue visibly profest befor Heaven. and many other wittness hear vpon Earth. and not to Loke at it as a Light or aflaishi Thing to Break Covinant with God and on with another. Let vs tharfor be much in prair to god that he will giue vs wisdum and vnderstanding that wee may not only Discouer but may by the Assistanc of his Blesed spirit be able to Resist the wilds of the Diuill for sertainly if Euer he was Transformd jn to an Angell of Light it is now. and if it wear posible he would Decive the very Elect: beloued Bretheren our praiers vnto god is for you. that ye may Like good soldiors stand with your Loins girt redi to Resist the Adversary and not to Giue way though he Coms with Neuer so faier pretences. nay though he Brings Law in his mouth ye ar not to be Liue him: whear for dearly beloued seing it is so that wee ar so besett with Enemies without and within let vs be Earnest with the Lord one for the other for the Asistanc of his holy spirit that so wee may be Able to with|stand| temtacions wee allso Return Thanks to the Congragacion for the Meshenjars thay sent the Last year wee hope, their Labour of Loue was not Lost nor it jn vain. which wee hope will be good jn Coragement for you to Remember another time your Duti in that Respect

John Rendall
Robert Burdict
job Badcok
jane Badcok
mary sanders
Elizabeth Randall

[ ] Loue to you all

[0263] To ye Towne mett 27th of Aprill 1678 /

Whereas there was formerly a Line of Divission. Runn between ye Townes Land & ye Land of Edward jnman & his Associates: These are to desire ye Towne y^{t} the sd Divideing Line thereof, may be granted to be againe Revised for ye avoyding of future Differences. The wch being granted, shall much obleige yor ffriend & Neighbo^{r}

Edward jnman

[0264] The Towne of Providence is Debitor. unto John Sanford for service done for the said Towne: he beinge Recorder and Clerke to the Gen^{rl}. Asemblys: viz.

		ld	ss	ds
Jmp^{r} To Copys of Asemblys acts the 4th of September	1666 –	01:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 31^{t} of October	1666 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 1^{t} of May	1667 –	00:	12:	06
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 6^{t} of May	1668 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 2 of May	1671 –	01:	05:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 25. of Septem^{r}	1671 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 25 of October	1671 –	00:	06:	08
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 2 of Aprill	1672 –	01:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 1^{t}: of May	1672 –	01:	00:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 30 of October	1672 –	01:	00:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 7 of May	1673 –	01:	05:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 29 of October	1673 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 6: of May	1674 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 28 of October	1674 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 4 of May	1675 –	00:	10:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts the 25 of October	1675 –	00:	06:	00
To Copys of Asemblys acts in May and October 1677 in Mony or Equivolent. 5^{s} is currant pay	–	00:	07:	06
To Copys of Asemblys acts in May 1678 in Mony 8^{s}. 4^{ds} is		00:	12:	06
		13:	05:	02
To Copys of the afore-said Asembly of May 78 their acts at their Sitting by adjournment: the: 28th of August 1678: Mony 7^{s}. 6^{d}	–	00:	11:	02
		13:	16:	04

(*Verso*)

	ld	ss	ds
℘ Contra the Towne of Providence Credito^{r}			
℘ accomp^{t}. of m^{r} Joseph Wise for soe much of him Rec^{d} —	04:	06:	00

[0265] Where as the Towne of providence did upon y^{e}: 12th: of August: 1678: at a Towne meeting upon Ajornement, order and Appoynt m^{r} Roger Williams, and Daniell Abbott, Clerke, to receive of John Whipple jun^{r} the former Towne Clerke, the Townes Books, and recordes belonging to the Towne now in y^{e} handes of the sayd John Whipple, and to take a List of what they Receive, and to give y^{e} sayd John Whipple a Cleare and full Disscharge for the same, the which wee have Done, Viz

J$\overline{m}$pri The Towne Old Booke: Containeing of: $\frac{h}{70}$: leaves, and one not wrott upon,

Jt The longe Booke with parchment Covers Cheifely Consisting of recordes of Deedes, and of landes, Containeing of: 69: leaves, and 7th: peces of leaves all wrott upon, besides two leaues pinned to an other,

Jt The Booke with Brass Clapses, Containeing of: 164 pages wrott upon besides fower leaves wrott upon which are not paged, as also: 18h: leaues wrott upon at that end of ye Book where the Alphabett is,

Jt: papors of Generall Assemblys Acts to ye number of: 24th: Each of them haveng the seale of ye Collony Affixed, the seales being all of them in Good Condition nott defaced, saueing one which is an Assemblys Acts beareing date may ye: 4h: 166

Jt: The new Booke, for ye Entry of Towne Acts and orders, with Eight pages wrott upon besides part of the ninth wrott upon,

Jt The new Booke, for ye Entry of land Euidences, with nine pages wrott upon, and part of ye tenth page wrott upon,

Jt The new Book for ye Entry of ye Towne Counsells Acts, there being part of one page of ye sayd Booke wrott upon

Jt A small papor Book Containeing the Enrolement of wills

Jt Courts Acts Sewed togeather, in ye manner of: 2h.: Books, As also Seuerall Courts Acts made up in roules to the number of: 18th: with noe seales Afixed,

Jt Seuerall Coppies of william ffeildes, and william Carpenters papors

Jt A Deed of Gift from Richard waterman to his Grand Chilldren the Chilldren of Resolved waterman (Deceased)

Jt The old Deed called the Towne Euidence

Jt The Deed of Confirmation from Cussuckqunsh, and nenekelah with Richard Smith junr Testimony pinned thereto,

Jt The deed of Confirmation Scattupp, and Quequagonuett

Jt The deed of Confirmation from Caujanaquant, being alsoe Subscribed Aiaquaomitt: the three Deedes of Confirmations being all indo|r|ssed with Tesstimonys on the back sides

Jt The Deed in parchment from mr Roger Williams to the Towne of prouidence

Jt The Jnuentory of the Esstate of John Clawson, Ass alsoe an account in a papor by Thomas olney senr of ye Disspossition of John Clawsons: Goodes,

Jt The Jndenture of Daniell Comstock

(*Verso*)

Jt The Bond of Joshua Winsor, and James Ashton, as also the Award of Arbetration upon a defferance betweene ye sayd winsor, and James Ashton,

Jt As alsoe seuerall papors wherein (was the Comittys Act, to ye number of: 15th: Delivered by mr williams to John whipple the former Clerke

Jt As alsoe a roule of papors, being most of them bills, some of them being Answered and some of them reffered

Jt As also seuerall other papors, All the rest of the Towne Recordes not here perticularized with a linning Bagg in which they are Jn Clossed. We whose names are here under Subscribed, being impowered by an order of this Towne as before sayd, Haue this | Twenty third | day of August: 1678 Receiued of John Whipple Junr the former Towne Clerke, All the sayd Books, papors, parchments, and writeings herein before mentioned and particularized, which belong to ye Towne, and Doe thereof in the Townes behalfe fully, Clearely, and Absolutely, Acquitt and Disscharge the sayd John Whipple Junr of and from all papors that Conscerne this Towne, Jn Wittness whereof wee doe hereunto sett our handes the day and yeare abouesayd:

Memorandom,
the wordes
Twenty Third were
Enterlined before
these presents were
Delivered as wittness
our handes
Roger Wjlljams
Daniell Abbott Clerke.

Roger Wjlljams
Daniell Abbott Clerke,—

(*Verso*)

A Coppie of my diss-
charge for the Delivery
of ye Towne Bookes in y^e^
yeare 1678

[0266] To Zachariath ffeild Counstable of prouident

These are to require | you | in his majestys name upon the sight hereof, forthwith to take the Body of Samuell Winsor of our Towne of prouidence and to transport him to newport on Roade Jsland and to geather with his mittemus to deliver him into the hands of Thomas ffry Generall Serjant of this Collony there to be kept prisoner untill the next Court of Tryalls to be holden at newport aforesayd for this Collony; Jn order where unto you are here by impowered to presse a Vessell or yor passages in a Vessell, and if need require, Ayde in any part of this Collony, And here of you are not faile as you will Answer the Contrary to your perill:

Giuen under o^r^ handes the: 7th: of September: 1678

Tho: Olney Asistant
John Whipple Asistant:

(*Verso*)

A Coppie of a warrant to Zachari ffeild.
a Coppie of the warrant to Zachariath ffeild /

[0267] To Thomas ffry Gennerall Serjant of this Colloney of Rhode Jsland & Providence plantations in new England these Greetteing;

Wee have herewithall sent you ye Body of Samuell Winsor of our Towne of Providence; who for an outrage by ye sd Winsor Comitted upon ye person of William Harris by which ye peace is broken; As also for his abusive behaviour in ye Examination of ye matter, & his open Contempt of authoritye; And for y^t hee putteth not in securitye for ye peace & his good behavour, & his appearance at our next Court of tryalls to be held for this Colloney there to be tryed for ye sd offences.

You are hereby in his Majestyes name | strictly Charged and | required, Emediatly upon ye sight hereof to receive into o^r Colloney Prison at Newport on Rhode Jsland ye Body of ye sd Samuell Winsor & him safely to keepe Prisoner untill ye next Court of tryalls to be holden for this Colloney at Newport aforsd ye last Wednesday save one in October next Ensueing, That then & there hee may be forth Coming to receive his tryall; and in ye meane time to be secured from Comitting further outrage; And hereof you are not to fayle as you will answere ye Contrarey at yor perill.

Given under o^r handes ye 7th of September i678

Tho: Olney Asistant
John Whipple Asistant /

(*Verso*)

a Coppie of Samuell winsor his mittemus to ye Go|a|ler:

[0268] William Hopkins Aged Thirty one Yeares or there abouts: and Engagd acording to law Tesstifieth as ffolloweth, That at the beginning of the warr they heard at prouidence, that William Arnold of pautuxett would not leaue his owne house, then Some Neighbors desired this deponant to goe to pautuxett and persvade him to goe to some garrison for safety, or goe downe to Roade=Jsland, then this deponant sayd he would goe and did not question but to perswade him, and soe this deponant went to pautuxett to the house of William Arnold, and told the sayd William Arnold of the danger of the times, and did perswade him to goe to some garrison, or doune to Roade=Js=land to his Sonn^s: Benedicts, but he was very unwilling to leave his owne house, and sayd he would not goe downe to Roade=Jsland, but if he must leaue his owne house he would goe to prouidence, yett after he sayd prouidence was soe farr | off | off he had rather be nerer home; then this deponant Asked him if he would goe to his sonn^s Stephens Garrison, and the sayd

William Arnold sayd he did not care if he did goe theither, and soe desired this deponant to goe to his sonn Stephens and call him to Come to him and then he would goe with him to his Garrison, then this deponant went to his sonn Stephen Arnold and called him, and soe then presently his sonn Stephen | went | to his ffather and desired his father to goe to his Garrison, and the sayd William Arnold did goe alonge with his sonn Stephen and this Deponant to his sonn Stephen[s] Garrison: and ffurther this deponant sayth not

Taken upon Engagement this: 16th: day of october: 1678 before me

John Whipple Asistant.

(*Verso*)

Wim: Hopkins testemony about goeing to m[r] Arnold to perswade him /

[0269] To y[e] Towne mett; January: y[e]: 27th: 1679: or 80:

Whereas Cap[t]: Arthor ffenner and Thomas Harris sen[r] Did by y[e] kings Authority in y[e] late Warrs with y[e] Jndians, press and take into theire Coustody (as they sayd for the Towne) one Barrill of powder belonging to my husband now Deceased, with theire promise of Sattisfaction for y[e] same, the which is not yett performed, and being a widdow my nessesaty calleth for my Dve therein as others Expect theires, Doe therefore Desire that you remember the widdow and fatherless, at least soe to take Care that wee may have our just Dve Conserning y[e] sd powder and in soe Doeing you will oblige yo[r] freind and Seruant

Mary Borden

(*Verso*)

for Mary Borden

[0270] To y[e] Towne now met

There js about a quarter of an acre betwixt Sam: Winsor & Epe: Olny w[ch] is Common & being disposed of to any will shut me out: my request js y[t] jt may remajn Common w[ch] wjll be a great Courtisie to yo[r] Lo: nejgbo[r]

Sam: Whipple Tho: Paty

(*Verso*)

To George Way Serjant

[ ] of y[e] Towne Councill of [ ] [th] day of january i6$\frac{79}{80}$: /

[ ] being made to y[e] Councill | this day | by Abigall [ ]ddow) of this Towne of providence [ ]r deceased Husband who dyed [ ]

[0271] According to y[e] Townes order y[e] Auditt mett y[e] 9th of ffeburarey i679 The audit have adjorned theire meeting untill y[e] 16th Jnstant & then to come together at 8 of y[e] clock in y[e] morning.

[0272] To y[e] Towne mett, upon Ajornement, this: 23th: of february: i679: I Desire that y[e] High way at y[e] uper End of sd Towne: (to witt) against the

Dwelling hovse of Tho: Harris jun^{r}, and there about, And y^{t} in sd meeting it may be Clearely Evinced, whether it Doth Appertaine to sayd Towne to maintaine y^{e} same, or that it doth belong to perticvlar persons to maintaine: the which shall oblige yor

ffreind George Way

[0273] To m^{r} Steephen Arnold | m$^{[]}$ | Thomas Olney & | m^{r} | John whiple Assistants in hi[ ] maieesties Collonÿ of roadiland And providence plantations or kings province / Greeting

By vertue of a warrant to me directed, vnder y^{e} hand of our honorable Governor, maior John Cranston Esquire, Commanding mee Stricktlÿ, in his maiesties naime, to give ÿou timelÿ notice, that ÿou forthwith After ye receipt heareoff, doe Cause ye freemen of yor towne to meet together, & in said meeting, to make timelÿ provission, ffor ye Carÿing on off ye waightÿ Affairs, y^{t} concearne ye Government of this his maiesties Collonÿ, of roadiland & providence ꝑtations, or kings province; bÿ Chuseing so manÿ Able ꝑsons, of your towne, qualÿfÿed According to Law, to Attend Att newport, in said Collonÿ Att the house of robert Lavis, ye first tusdaÿ & first wensdaÿ, in maÿ next, by Eight of ye Clocke in ye morning, on Each daÿ, then & ther to sett as debutÿes, ffor yor towne, in ye generall Assemblÿs of sd Collonÿ That is to saÿ (On sd tusdaÿ, to make some preparation for ye orderlÿ Carÿing on of ye Election of Officers, for sd Collonÿ, On ye first wensdaÿ in maÿ next, which ꝑsons, then & ther Chosen, Are to manadge the Governement, of sd Collonÿ for y^{e} ÿear Ensuing, Lickewise I doe give you notice heareby, y^{t} all ye ffreemen of yor towne, on sd first wensday in maÿ next, Are to Apeare At sd robert Lavis his house, by Eight of the Clocke in ye morning, in ꝑson, or send ther voats sealed vp & delivered to a maiestrate, of yor towne, in yor said meeting, According to Law whoe is to take Care, to conveÿ them or deliver them, to our hon^{ble} Governor, aforesd, or to ye worshipfull James barker Esquire, debutÿ governor, of said Collonÿ, At said generall Assemblÿ, for Electing of said officers &c furthermoor ÿou are in yor sd towne meeting to Chuse so manÿ able ꝑsons, qualÿfÿed Acording to Law, to serve on ye grand Jurÿ, & Jurÿ of trÿalls, At ye Generall Court of trÿalls to be held on ye first mondaÿ, After ye first wensdaÿ, in maÿ next, At sd robert Lavis his house bÿ Eight of ye Clocke in ye morning & Lastlÿ you Are to Cause notice: to be given, to all ꝑsons so chosen bÿ ÿou, of ye respective dutÿes theÿ are to ꝑforme at ye daÿes times & places, abouesaid, And I doe hearby give ÿou notice y^{t} ye maiestrats of yor towne, Are desired to be heare in ꝑson, to give their Assistance, in All ye sd waightÿ Affaires, And ÿou are to make returne of what you doe hearein, with all Expedition

Given vnder mÿ hand ye 14th of Aprill 1679

Thomas Fry gen^{all} Sariant

(*Verso*)

ffor ye towne of Providence Thes

[0274] To ye towne mett july. 27th. j679.
These are to desire ye towne would be pleased to grant me Libberty to have ye deed I had of Robert Williams and alsoe ye deed wch I had of John Sayles of ye Landes beyond ye 7 mile Line sett by order of this Towne may be putt vpon ye publick of this Towne: The wch granting shall obledge yor ffriend & Neighb^r Will: Haughkng|ss|

This bill granted. /

(*Verso*)

Att a Towne Meetting vpon Adjurnment ye 23th of this jnstant month june j679.

Jt is voted. Whereas there was an act made | at | a Towne Meetting january ye 27th j678, or 79; That Each person in this Towne y^t is Rateable should bring in vnto ye Lievier of ye Rate an accoont of theire Estates, The which hath not beene done: These are to signifie, and desire of ye Rateable jnhabitants of this Towne, y^t they bring in an accovnt of theire Estates, Landes and medowes L[ ]d out to th[ ]

[0275] A Count of what Captane Hopkings Receued of the 27^lb Rayte Lievied vpon this Towne ye first of July 1679

	lb	s	d
of Vall Whitman	00	06	03.
Sam Right	00	02	06
John Angell	00	03	00
James Mathewson	00	05	00
Ann Harris	00	04	04½
Daniell Williams	00	12	06.
James Clarke	00	01	00
Abraham man & his mother	00	03	01½
Gorge Way	00	00	07½
Gorge Shepperd	00	01	03
Tho: Hopkings	00	01	03
Tho: ffield	00	03	09.
Natt Waterman	00	07	00
Richard Pray	00	06	03
Tho: Peaday	00	01	10½
Tho: Arnoll	00	01	07½
John Smith Mason & Joseph	00	01	10½

	lb	s	d
Tho: Harris Juner	00	08	09.
Sam Whippell	00	06	03
Beniamin Hernden	00	01	03.
Asten Tho: & his Sones	00	06	03
Stephen Harden	00	07	06
Joseph Jnkes	00	12	06.
Sam Tiffe	00	03	01½
Larance Willinson	00	03	09.
Eliazer Arnoll	00	03	01½
Edward Smith	00	06.	03
Jsraell Arnoll	00	06	04
Joseph Wodard	00	00	07.
John Thornden	00	02	06
Deackon Parkes	00	03	00
Henry ffowler	00	01	03.
Edward Smith Mother	00	00	07½
Willi Hakings	00	00	06.
Joseph Williams	00	06	03
Thomas Harris	00	05	07½
Sam Comstocke	00	00	08
widow Ballew & mother	00	01	10.½
	07	11	01½

(*Recto*)

A Count of what Captane ffenner hath Receued of the 27th Rate: Lievied vpon this Towne the first of July 1679

	lb	s	d
Captane ffenner his one Rate	00	18	09.
Stephen Arnoll	01	05	00
John Shellden	00	05	00
Zachriah ffield & his ffather	00	06	03
Henry Browne	00	08	00
Parne Tillingherst	00	06	03
Samawell Winsor	00	06	03
Daniell Abbott	00	06	03
John Morey	00	01	10½
Shedrach Manton & his sonn	00	09	04½
Ralfe Payne	00	00	07½
Mr Williams	00	02	06
Thomas ffenner	00	03	01½

	lb	s	d
Mary Borden	00	06	03
Thomas Socklin	00	00	07½
John ffenner	00	01	03
	05	07	4 : ½

A Count of what Samawell Comstocke Receued of the 27lb Rayte Levelled vpone this Towne ye first of July 1679

	lb	s	d
John Browne	00	05	0
Richard Arnoll	00	06.	3
Eliazar Whippell	00	02	6
Ephraim Pearse	00	03	1 – ½
John Pray	00	01	10.½.
William Vinson	00	04	4.½
James balew	00	01	3
Natt Morey	00	01	10.½.
Joseph Hernden	00	00	07½
	01	06	10 – ½

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A Count of what Thomas Arnoll Receued of the 27lb Rayte Lievied vpon this Towne ye first of July 1679

	lb	s	d
off Davied Whippell	00	00	7½

A Count what wee ffind Crost in Samawell Comstocke list: and not oned to be receued

	lb	s	d
William Harris	00	15	7.½
Andrew Harris	00	03	1½
Captane Hopkings & his ffather	00	05.	0
Tho: Arnoll	00	04	0
Sam Willinson	00	03	1½
Deckon parkes	00	06	3
John Sarles	00	01	3
	01	18	4½

A Trew A Count to the Best of our vnderstanding

Thomas ffield
Nathaniell Waterman

[0276] A List of A rate of 27lb. Levied vpon this Towne of providence this first day of july j679: As followeth

	lb:	s:	d
Capt: ffenner	00	–	: 09

	lb:	s:	d
Will: Carpen^{r}: & his two sons Silas & Benja: & theire mill.	01 –	05 –	00
Ste: Arnold & his fathers Right	01 –	–	00
Will: haughkings	00 –	00 –	07½
James Blackmore	00 –	01 –	03
Jeremiah Roades	00 –	01 –	03
John Sheldon	00 –	–	00
Joseph Williams	00 –	06 –	03
Will: Harris	00 –	i5 –	07½
Andrew Harris	00 –	03 –	01½
Zachariah ffeild, and his ffather	00 –	–	03
John Steer	00 –	.01 –	10½
James Mathuson	00 –	05 –	00
Tho: Clemence	00 –	06 –	03
Anthony Everdens Land	00 –	07 –	06
Hen: Browne	00 –	–	00
Parden Tillinghast	00 –		03
James Ashtons Land	00 –	03 –	01½
Sam: winsor & ye orfants of Resolved, deceased	00 –	06 –	03
Capt: hopkins and his fathers Right	00 –	05 –	00
Ann: harris	00 –	04 –	04½
Dan: Williams	00 –	i2 –	06
James Clerkes Land	00 –	0j –	03
Abram man & his mothers:	00 –	03 –	01½
John Lappums Land	00 –	01 –	10½
Tho: Harris	00 –	05 –	07½
George way	00 –	00 –	07½
Tho: Hopkins jun^{r}	00 –	01 –	03
Tho: ffeild	00 –	03 –	09
Daniell Abbott with ye orphants of Tho: walling deceased	00 –		
Natha: waterman & his mother	00 –	j8 –	09
Tho: Angell	00 –	05 –	07½
Tho: Olney sen^{r}:	00 –	09 –	04½

	lb.	s:	d
Rich: mary: & Eph: pray	00 –	06 –	03
Vall: Whittman	00 –	06 –	03
Daniell Browne	00 –	02 –	06
Sam: Right	00 –	02 –	06
Roger Williams	00 –	–	06
Rich: Scotts Land	00 –	06 –	03
Jo^{n}: Throck^{tons} Landes	00 –	07 –	06
Jo^{n} whipple jun^{r} & the orphants of Jo^{n}: Scott	00 –	07 –	00
John Whipple Senr	00 –	05 –	00
John Smith Miller	00 –	06 –	03
Shadrach Manton with his Son Edward	00 –	–	04½
James Dexter's Land	00 –	01 –	03.
Epe: Olney	00 –	06 –	03
Tho: paty	00 –	01 –	10½
Tho: Olney jun^{r}	00 –	07 –	06
John Browne	00 –	05 –	00
Tho: Arnold	00 –	05 –	07½
widdow bellew and her mother	00 –	01 –	10½
John Smith Mason & his Son Joseph	00 –	01 –	10½
John jones	00 –	00 –	07½
Tho: Harris jun^{r}.	00 –	08 –	09
Sam: Whipple	00 –	06 –	03
Benja: hearnden	00 –	01 –	03
Gregory Dexter and his Son John	00 –	08 –	09
James Angell	00 –	00 –	07½
Asten Thomas & his two Sons	00 –	06 –	03
Ste: Harding, & his son Stephen	00 –	07 –	06
Joseph jenckes, & ye Saw mill:	00 –	12 –	06
Sam: Tiff	00 –	03 –	01½
Laurence wilkisson and his two sons	00 –	03 –	09
Elizor Arnold	00 –	03 –	01½

	lb:	s:	d
Rich: Arnold	00 –	06 –	03
Edward Smith	00 –	06 –	03
widdow Abigall Dexter	00 –	01 –	03
Eliazor Whipple	00 –	02 –	06
Sam: Wilkisson	00 –	03 –	01½
Ephraim peirce	00 –	03 –	01½

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	lb:	s:	d:
John = nathan sp|r|age	00 –	03 –	01½
John pray	00 –	01 –	10½
John Bellew	00 –	01 –	10½
Edward Jnman	00 –	0i –	i0½
John Jnman	00 –	0i –	i0½
John Morey	00 –	–	10½
Widdow Mary Borden	00 –	–	03
Joseph Wises Landes	00 –	06 –	03
George Keech his Land	00 –	00 –	07½
Israell Arnold	00 –	06 –	04
John Haughkings	00 –	03 –	01½
George Shepperd	00 –	01 –	03
Will: Vincent	00 –	04 –	04½
James Bellew	00 –	01 –	03
Joseph Woodward	00 –	00 –	07½
John Thorndall	00 –	02 –	06
John | Arnold | And his mother	00 –	03 –	09
Edward jnman jun^{r}	00 –	01 –	10½
David Whipple	00 –	00 –	07½
Tho: Sucklings Estate	00 –	00 –	07½
Tho: Roberts Right of Land	00 –	05 –	01½
Sam: Bennett Right	00 –	01 –	03
Widd ffeilds Right	00 –	11 –	03
Deaken Parks Right	00 –	06 –	03
John ffenner Right	00 –	–	03
John Sayles Right	00 –	01 –	03
Hen: ffowler Right	00 –	01 –	03
Nath^{ell}: morey	00 –	01 –	10½
Joseph hernden	00 –	00 –	07½
Benja: hernden jun^{r}	00 –	00 –	11¼

	lb:	s:	d
John Ricces Lande	00 –	00 –	07½
will: Blaxstones Land	00 –	01 –	03.
Tho: ffenner	00 –		– 01½
Timothy Carpen^r^	00 –	05 –	00
Ephraim Carpen^r^ Land	00 –	05 –	00
widdow Smith	00 –	00 –	07½
Sam: Reape's Right	00 –	06 –	03.
Sam: Cumstock	00 –	00 –	08
Rolfe paines Land	00 –		
John Angell	00 –	03 –	00.
To ye best of o^r^ vnderstanding			
The Totall Summe is	27 –	00 –	00

the wch to be Reckoned as Moneye.

Wittnesse our handes
this 7th day of july j679: /

Arthur ffenner
William Hopkins:
Richard Arnold
Thomas Arnold
Dan: Abbott.

[0277]

Charles R

Trusty & well beloued we Greet you well

Wheras Our subject William Harris of Patuxet in New England did by his Petition Presented to us in Councill on the 11th of June 1675 set forth the great wrongs Done him & his partne[ ] by se[ ]rall p^r^sons who detained the lands which they had Purchased from the Jndians Wherevpon we were Pleased to Comand by Our Royall Letters the Gouernours of the seuerall Colonys in New England to appoint some able Honest & Jndifferent p^r^sons to be Joyned together with full & sufficient Authority to Cause the Differenc[ ]s & troubles arriseing to the Petitioner & his partners Concerning the Lands of Patuxet to be brought to a fair Triall & that by an Jndifferent & vpright Jury all might be finally determined according to Justice Jn pursuance whereof Our said Comissioners haueing mett & the Jury appointed by them haueing giuen fiue Verdicts in fauour of the Petitioner & his partners a State of those Proceedings signed by seuerall of the Comissioners was Returned to us by the Gouernour of our Colonys of the Massachusets & Rhod Jsland for Our determination vpon that whole affaire & at the same time a Petition was offered

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Offered vnto vs by Randal Holden and John Green in behalf of themselues

& other our Subjects the Jnhabitants of the Town of Warwick & other adjacent Places belonging to Our Colony of Rhod Jsland and Prouidence Plantation Complaning of the Jnjustice of the second Verdict giuen against them. & in Consideration of the Complanants humble appeal vnto us together with the Reasons & Euidences alledged in Justification of their Right in the lands Possessed by them as not appearing to be any Part of the lands of Patuxet which only by our Comis[ ]n were to be brought to a Triall we were Pleased to order on the second of January last that the Jnhabytants of the Town of Warwick should not be disturbed in the quiet Possesion of the sd lands & that all things Relating thereunto should Remaine in the same State they were in before the Meeting of the sd Comissioners vntill William Harris & Partners should before us in Councill make out a sufficient title therevnto, And Wheras the sd Randall Holden & John Green were noe sooner departed, but the Pettitioner William harris had made his appearance beseeching us to take such Course as might finally

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finally determine the matter Complained of by him & we finding it by Reason of the distance of Places & absence of Partys a matter of Difficulty for us to giue such Judgment therin as might Equally decide their Respectiue p^r^tentions without first receiuing a more perticuler state thereof. And Wheras the said Holden & Green did offer their exceptions against the Colonyes of the Massachesets & Conecticott vpon diuers part differences between them & that on the other side the Pet^r^ William Harris thinkes he has Just Cause to except against the Collony of Rhod-Jsland as being perticulerly Jnterested in the p^r^sent Controuercy. Jt is therefore Our Will & Pleasure & we doe hereby Authorise & Require you the Gouernour & Magestrates of Our Colony of New Plimouth to Call before you the sd Randall Holden & John Green & other p^r^sons Concerned in the said second verdict & haueing in Due maner Examined the p^r^tensions of the said Harris vnto lands Possessed by them you doe Return to us a perticuler state thereof & your opinions thereupon with all Conuenient speed

And Wheras we haue already thought fitt to Order that the said William Harris & partners be Peaceably & quietly Possesed of the

(*Verso*)

The lands of Patuxett adjudged vnto them by the first & three last verdicts giuen in p^r^suance of our said Comission And we haueing accordingly Charged & Required the Gouernor & Magistrates of the Colony of Rhod Jsland to put the said William Harris & Partners into the Quiet Possession therof & to take Care that Execution be giuen for their Damage & Costs allowed by the sd verdict & Judgments of Court within the space of three Monthes at farthest after the Receipt of Our Comands We doe hereby direct Authorise & strictly Charge you in Case the said Possession

& Execution be not giuen vnto the said Harris & partners by Our Gouernor & Magistrats of Rhod Jsland within the space of three Monthes pursuant to Our Royall Orders (& a Credible sertificate of such default being Produced vnto you) that you Cause the | said | first & three last verdicts vizt against John Towers of Hingham Mr Gregory Dexter & others John Harrod & others & Edmond Caluerly & others as also the damage & Costs allowed by the sd verdicts & Judgments of Courts thereupon to be duely Executed without delay & that you Return an account thereof vnto us by the first opertunity And soe We bid you farewell from Our Court at Winsor the ninth day of July 1679. in the thirty first yeare of our Reigne by his Majestys Comand

Sunderland

To Our Trusty & Welbeloued the Gou^{r} & Magistrats of Our Colony of New Plimoull in New England

[0278] To ye towne mett july 27th 1679

These are to desire Libberty to repaire to o^{r} Towne Survey^{r} to have ye shares of | Land wch I have bought | beyond ye 7 mile Line be without much further delay (according to my turne, if others gives not way) Layd out vnto me I having occation to order & dispose of my Right therein: soe shall I remaine yor ffriend and Neighbo^{r}

ferred. / Will: Haughkins Senr

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[ ] jmproved & vnjmproved as alsoe what Cattle of any Sort they have, or otherwayes none can justly be offended if ye Leivers of y^{e} sd Rate. To witt, Capt: ffenner, Capt: Hopkins Richard, & Thomas Arnold, & Daniell Abbott shall use what information they can otherwayes gett in y^{e} ꝑformance of y^{e} worke therein; Jf noe Acćtt be brought in vnto Either of y^{e} persons abovesayd, betwixt this day come Seaven=night, wch will be vpon y^{e} 30th of this jnstant month june j679.

[0279] j bill. / To y^{e} Towne mett vpoon jurnm^{t} on 12th of Agust j679

These are to desire y^{e} towne y^{t} they wovld be pleased to grant me y^{e} Liberty to Enter y^{e} deeds, & Evidences wch Concernes y^{e} Land wch I have bought of Robert Williams, James Browne, Jeremiah Browne, John Throckmorton, & Thomas Walling vpon ye publick Record of this Towne. And y^{t} alsoe, ye returne of my Land Layd out by Capt: ffenner Survey^{r}:, & | is | allread pl|aced|e in ye old Booke (wch is defaced by ye Jndians &c) may be Transfer'd into ye new booke for ye more secureity. Or y^{t} it may be Entered, As from ye returne of ye Survey^{r}:, The wch granting; may ye more Obleidge Yo^{r} ffriend & neighbour

Daniell Abbott Clerke.

(*Verso*)

Dan : Abbott's bill granted /

See in ye ii^th page of ye Towne Booke of ye Entry of Towne acts & orders.

[0280] the declaracon of william feild plan̄t Aginst the Estact of Edward taller defenda in A acon of dete baring date the 14 day of Agaust : the defend Agreed with plan̄t to strancport him and his goods to the newfoundland and thare to pay for his stranepartaon : wich the defend did not performe : to the damag of the plan̄t 20 pound whare vpon̄ the pl̄ is forced to seke Relenef to this cort

Agoust the 16 day 1679 William feild

(*Verso*)

we fine for the plantif 30 shillings dammage beside debt of Court

[0281] Articles of Agreement, betwixt us whose names are here unto subscribed about the leaseing out of all that tract, or tennement of land and meadows lieing upon pautucket|t| River, and scituated on ye south side of ye sayd River, being neere to ye former Dwelling of william Blaxston of Rehobath (Deceased) being formerly the Right of, and in the possession of John Scott of the Towne of providence (Deceased)

first : Wee Agree for us our heires, Executors, Administrator and Asignes, to farme lett and sett out to Alexzander Bolkcom of the Towne of newport in his Majestys Collony of Roade = Js = land and providence plantations : ectt : his Heires, Executors, Adminis|tra|[ ], and asignes, all the abovesd landes and meadows for the terme of fower whole years beginning upon y^e five and twentieth day of march next Ensveing the Date hereof,

Seccondly : the sayd Allexzander Bolkcom for him his heires, Exsecuto|rs| Adminnistrators, and Asignes : in Consideration thereof Doth Covenant and Agree with John whipple and Rebecah his wife Jnhabetants of this Towne of providence in ye Collony aforsd, [ ] | fr to |' John Scott (Deceased) to pay to them or Either of them theire Heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, as followeth, for ye first yeare : three povndes, for the seccond yeare fower povndes : and for ye next Ensueing two yeares Six povndes by the yeare : the sayd payments well and trvely to be made to ye aforesayd Persons or theire heirs as aforsd at theire Dwelling house in providence, as Each respective part shall be marchantable, one third part to be payd in Good marchantable Corne at prise Currant, and one third part in Good Butter and Cheese at prise Currant, the other part to be payd in Beife and pork Good and marchantable at prise Currant,

Thirdly wee ye sd John and Rebecah Doe Covenant with ye sayd Allexzander to sett a hovse of about : 20 : foots in length upon ye sd land by y^e | time the | terme shall beginn

fowerthly: wee agree that ye sayd Allexander and his heirs: as aforesayd shall have the use of ye Comon belonging to ye sayd John Scott (Deceased) Dveriing the sayd terme he shall keep on ye sd Tennem|ent|,

fiftly wee Agree that firme leases shall be Drawne and signed Betwixt us at or before ye Entry of ye sayd Allexander into the sayd tennement or messuage,

Sixtly: wee Agree that ye sayd Allexander his Heires, Executors Administra^to: and Asignes, After the terme of fower yeares is Exspired, shall And may Enjoye the Aforesayd tennement till such time as Silvanuss Scott shall be, (or woovld have: if lived) of the Age of one and twenty yeares, paying

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paying therefore nine povndes ℘^er yeare: in time, and Specia: as for ye fower yeares before sayd: and at place as aforesd,

Seaventhly wee Agree that ye sayd Allexander his Heires and Executors as aforesd shall have liberty from time to time, and att all times to make use of fire wood, fenceing timber, building and what Elce, upon ye sd land: for the use, Bennifitt, and keeping ye sayd tennement in good repaire, but not other wise to desspose thereof, or make wast of the same: :

Eightly wee Agree that ye say Allexander his Heires, Executors and assignes shall keep the sayd Hovseing and fenceing upon ye sayd tennement in tennantable repaire Dureing ye sayd terme he or they shall there on Jnhabett,

ninthly wee | agree | that ye sayd Allexander hath alsoe free libberty to make use of any sort of Cooper timber, that he or them of his that there inhabett Dvreing ye sayd terme, have ocation for to use for theire sayd use, but not to make sale there of, Jn Wittness whereof wee hereunto Enterchangably sett our hands and Seales, this twenty and Sixt day of August, one thousand: Six hundred and: Seaventy nine: Ectt: :

Wittnessed and sealed
in ye presence of us,
the marke
James X Weakly:
of
James harell Jun

John Whipple
Rebekkah: whipple
Alexander: Bolkcom

Balkoms Agreement

[0282] Mehitteble Sprauge | of ye Towne of providence | Aged Thirty yeares or there aboute. being Engaged Testifieth as ffolloweth

That she upon ocation being on y^e: 14th of this Jnstant at the house of Ephraim pearce, and goeing from thence homewar[ ] a little before the setting of the sunn̄, heareing a sudaine noyse looked about, and Saw Hannah pearce ye wife of ye s[ ] Ephraim Run̄ doune the Hill to ye well and there pulled ou[ ] Elizabeth

pearce the Daughter of ye sayd Ephraim and Hanna[ ] his wife, then this Deponant returned with speed to ye hou[ ] of ye sd Ephraim, where ye sayd Hannah had layd her sayd Daughter on ye Bedd, where this Deponant sayth to ye best of her understanding she found ye sayd Elizabeth pearce the Daughter of ye sayd Ephraim Aged about one yeare and halfe to be Absolutly Dedd, tho this deponant and ye sayd mother of ye sayd Childe did use what meanes they could to presearve life: but it Could not be for ye Childe as aforesd was Dedd and further this Deponant sayth not

Taken this: 15th: of August 1679 before me

John Whipple Assistant

here followeth the jurys Verdict

our Verdict is

Wee find that Elizabeth pearce the Daughter of Ephraim pearce and Hanah his wife, Aged aboute one yeare and halfe or thereabouts, Exadentally fell into the well, and was ouerwhelmed in water, and by the providence of God Drownded

here followeth ye names of ye Coroners Jnquest,

Richard Arnold forrman,	Epenetus olney
Capt: William hopkins	Thomas Hopkins
Lei^t^: John Dexter	Thomas Harris Junr:
Samuell Comstock	Benjamin Whipple
Thomas Arnold	John Tillinghast
Samuell Winsor	Henery Austin

These abouesayd persons were Jmpanelled on a Coroners Jnquest, to make Enquirery into the untimely Death of Elizabeth pearce, the Daughter of Ephraim pearce and Hannah his wife Aged about one yeare and halfe, August the five-tenth, one Thousand Six hundred and Seaventy nine

℘^er^ me John Whipple: Asistant,

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Hannah pearce, the wife of Ephraim pearce of this Towne of providence, sollemly testifieth, as followeth,

That Elizabeth pearce ye Daughter of the sayd Ephraim pearce and Hannah his wife, on the: 14th: of this Jnstant somewhat before the sunn setting with her Elder sister went out of the House: this Deponant thinking after that, she heard ye sd Chilldren taulk, the Chilldren being without about halfe an our, then the Elder Childe returned in againe, then this Deponant Ausked the sayd Childe where is your sister, she Answered, shee is gone doune that way, (which way led to ye well, and pond, then this Deponant runn hastily doune that way to ye sayd well, where shee found her sayd Daughter Aged about one yeare and halfe, overwhelmed in water in ye sd well, where upon this Deponant with speed took her sayd Child out of ye well and run into ye House: and layd it on ye bedd, where this Deponant with Mehitteble Sprague

used what meanes they Could to preserve life, But life was Departed, and ye sayd Childe Dedd: and further this Deponant sayth not

Taken: August: ye 15th: 1679: before me
John Whipple Assistant

This Sayd Crowners jnquest, & ye wittnesses testimonys annexed, are Entered on Record on ye 23th: & 24th pages of ye towne booke of ye Entry of Towne acts & orders.

And vpon ye Last of August i679: ℘ Dan: Ab: Cl:

A Crowners Jnquest:

[**0283**] Newport On Road iland, ye 7th of October 167[ ] in his maiesties Collonÿ of road iland & providence ℘^n^ta[ ]

To m^r Stephen Arnold: m^r Thomas Olneÿ: Junior: & m^r John whip[ ] or to Either of them, Assistants &c in ye towne of providence

Gentlemen /

Bÿ vertue of a warrant to me directed, vnder ye hand off our honored Governour, dated ye 5th instant, Comandinge mee, to give timelÿ notice to All ye towne[] in this Collōnÿ, to make provision: ffor ye generall Court off trÿalls to be held at newport, On road iland, in said Collōnÿ, the 23th instant, At ye house of henerÿ palmer &c, As Also too provide ffor ye sitting of ye Generall Asemblÿ of said Collony, the Last wensdaÿ in this instant October, at ye said house of henerÿ palmer, Jn which Assemblÿ is a rate to be made, ffor ye paÿment of said Collonÿes debts &c /

Thes Are therfore, in his maiesties name, Charles ye 2^d off England Scotland ffrance & Jrland King &c / To will & require ÿou: or Either of ÿou, fforthwith to Call ye ffreemen of yor towne together, And to Chuse, two Able ℘sons, to serve On ye Grand iurÿ And two Able ℘sons to serve On ye Jurÿ of trÿalls, & that theÿ have notice given them, bÿ yor towne sargent, to Attend at the time & place Afforesaid, as ye Law doeth provide / Lickew[ ] ÿou Are to Chuse, ffower Able And vnderstanding men o[ ] ÿo^r towne to be debutÿes, to sitt in said Generall assemblÿ, at ye time & place afforesaid in newport / And Lic[ ] notice to be given them, ffor that purpose, bÿ yor said sa[ ] ffurthermoor I doe hearbÿ sommon ÿou, m^r Stephen A[ ] m^r Thomas Olneÿ Junior, & m^r John whiple, Asistants &c, that ÿou Attend at ye said times & places, in said newport, then & ther, to sett, in said Generall Court of trÿalls, & Generall Assemblÿ, heareof ÿou maÿ not ffaile &c

Given vnder mÿ hand the daÿ & yeare aboue said /

Thomas Fry gen^all Sariant

(*Verso*)

ffor y[ ]owne off providence

[0284] newport this 12th of [ ]mber 1679

Loving frind m^r^ fild: after my searves remembred to you this ar to lette you vndearsand that I [ ] that your towne shold macke mee waitte so longe for so small asom of mony which have bin so longe dwe as this have bin to mee and aftear my longe forbarance thay have broken too generall Cortte ordares to my great damage now tharfor I desiear you that it may bee sent to mee spedly and vppon the resait I shall send [ ] bvt if you send it not I pray writte mee whoo is your tresor for I prefor to send the genarall Sargant spedly so intviting your Ansor by m^r^ hart I rest youres to Command in what is Jvst

Richard knight

[0285] The names of those who voated for choyce of three persons to send to ye Couneell to Newport as ye Townes representatives, The whieh choyce was at a towne meeting ye 15th of November i679. as it was taken out of ye Towne Clarkes list.

Roger Williams. Capt: ffenner, William Hopkins Henry Browne, Thomas Clemenee, Samuell Winsor, John ffield, Lawrance Willkenson, George Way. Benjamin Hearnton, James Mathuson, Thomas Angell, John Steere, Daniell Browne, Abraham Man, Thomas Arnold, Zachary ffield, John Dexter Edward Smith, Daniell Abbott:

(*Verso*)

the Names of ye Voters:

[0286] To ye towne meett this 22rd. of desember j679: /

These are to pray ye towne now without mueh further delay (before ye boardes & Timber be most all sent out of ye Towneshipp [ ] providence to y^e^ ℘ticular propriety & advantages of only some few ℘ticular persons of ye towne; y^t^ they agree | Lovingly | togather for ye building y^m^ a Towne house to keepe theire meettings at; And not yet to Continue | further | Troubles & burdens on some ℘ticular persons, wth out tendering any Satisfaction for ye prievelledge thereof. as hath appeared, neare | this | two yeares spaee of time, vnto yor Neighbour and ffriend

And y^t^ alsoe they take some course to pay theire other debts; to remove vndeserved jellosies: /

Daniell Abbott

[0287] These may Certifie all persons before whom it shall Consern that upon the twenty forth day of Desember: 1679: I had one Jaeob Willard before me in Exammination Conserning his wife mary willard the Daughter of Antony whit of water Town in the Masachusets Collony: sayd to be with Child by som other man: in the said Jaeob willards Absenee: for it was sayd that he had been

gone from water Towne about one yeare and three quarters upon which occasion I did strickly Examin the said Jacob willard: whether he had been soe long from his wife the said mary willard. his answer was that he had heard ye Authority of the Masachusets Collony was or like to be in persute against him: upon a complaint said to be against him: upon which occation he Cam from his said wife. and durst not be seen publickly in that Collony: but he had beene at watertowne with his wife two or three times priuetly in the tim of his Absence and that one of the times he went by the way of Mendom and som times throug|h| the woods: I furder demanded of him if he had ought to object against his wife that the Child shee went with was not his being Absent: he said no he had not to object: but sent for his wife as he said and lodged with her as was reported to me by many: with many moer words of like import to large hear to rehearss

By me John Whipple of the Towne of prouidence Assistant of his majastes Collony of Road-jsland and prouidance plantations. Esquier

prouidence the year and day abousaid

(*Verso*)

Tho: patey^s Bond: abovt ye wooman

[0288] Newport On Rhode Jsland, in his maiesties Collonÿ of Rhode Jsland and providence plantations &c / ye 22th of Januarÿ 1679: or: 80: /

Hon̄ored Gentlemen /

Bÿ vertue of a warrant to mee directed, vnder ye hand of our hon̄ored governor maior John Cranston Esquire, bearing date ye 15th instant, wherin is declared ye great nesesitie of Calling a generall assemblÿ together, in order to ye publique weale of this Collonÿ, (Jn generall) but moor ꝑticularlÿ to consider of what answere to Give to: 27: queries, sent to our sd Governor & councell of sd collonÿ, from ye Lords of his maiesties most honorable privÿ Councell, And Aso a Letter sent from ye Collon̄ÿ of coneticott, wherein theÿ doe apeale to his maiestie, about ye diffrences, that have Arisen, betwixt them & this collonÿ, about ye Lands And Jurisdiction therof, Graunted vs by his maiestie: according to his gratious Charter And Also that ther be speedÿ Care & Course taken, to Chuse a man or men, for an Agent or Agents, to send into England, to plead for this Collonÿ, before his maiestÿ against ye oposers therof, And Lickewise that ther maÿ be som Efectuall Course taken or Agreed on, in sd Assemblÿ, for ye raising of monÿ to beare ye Charge theroff /

Thes Are therfore in his maiesties naime, to require ÿou, to Call ye ffreemen of yor towne together, And Chuse so manÿ deputys for yor towne, qualified acording to law, as by Charter is required, & send them to ye generall Assembley of said collonÿ, whoe Are to meet: at ye house of henery palmer in newport, ye 10th daÿ

of march next ensuing ye date heareof, wher all ye maiestrats of said Collony whoe Are generall Assistants ar hearby sommoned to Apeare, & ther meet with sd deputÿs, to transact ye waightÿ affaires abouesaid, & you ar to take spetiall Care, y^t ther be a timelÿ returne made, of yor choyce according to Law, hearof ÿou may not faÿle /

Given vnder mÿ hand /

Edmund Calverley generall Sargent

To m^r Steeven Arnold Captaine Artur ffennor | & m^r John whipple Jn^r | or to any of them assistants in providence or to ye towne Clarke of sd towne

(*Verso*)

ffor ye towne of providence Thes

[0289] To the modarator and the Rest of the Townesmen of the Towne of Prouedence now asembled at a towne meting this: 27th of Janeuary 1679 Jentelmen and ffrinds thare are maney of you that are not ignorant that my father formarly was an inhabetant of this Towne and had a purches rite in the towne he departed this Towne and Cuntry maney yers sence and disposed but of parte thareof and the Remaining part hath not as I Can undarstand been ffuly laid out but if it haue I do desire you would do mee that fauor as to informe mee whare it was laid out and if it bee not laid out I do desire you would now lay it out that so I may bee capabull to mack use of that which is my iust Right this is the desire and Request of youer ffrind

John Warner

(*Verso*)

part of his Hovse lott.
his Sixty Acres
one sheire of meadow in y^e great meadow
one Six Acres in y^e neck.

This bill was Refer'd: And Answered ffeb: y^e 4th: i6$\frac{79}{80}$/ wch is in 32th page of y^e towne Booke of y^e Entry of Townes acts & orders.

[0290] To the town of prouidenc now met this 27 day | of | Januery 1680

neib[ ]rs I Desiar that you would grant me a smal peece of land which lyes betwen Samuel Comstocks and our hous befoar our lot and I would haue | it | as low as Samuel Comstockes Corner and so strait to our bounds and I shal pay for it as others du so I rest yours

John Dexter

(*Verso*)

This Bill is granted, he paying after ye Rate for ye sam[ ] As Sam: Comstock paid, or is so to doe according to ye quantity the[ ]

[0291] I John wooddin of beuerly in the county of esexe in new england doe not see now any thing but that lauranc clenton and my daughter mary may proceed in the honourall stat of matrimony beuerly feberary 1. 1680

This is Enrouled on y^e 19th page of y^e Towne Booke of y^e Entry of Towne Covncill's Acts.

℘ me Daniell Abbott Clerke of y^e Towne providenc

[0292] to the toune mete this. 4th. of feburary $\frac{79}{80}$.
my Requst is y^t Sume timly kar bee taken for our Olde | n'b | John Jones. for fiare wood and Sume other nesesaris for his Releph [ ]
your naber william Hopkin[ ]

[0293] 2. bill. / To y^e towne of providence Assembled this 4th of ffeb: j6$\frac{79}{80}$ / Desireing answer vnto these following queries.

ffirst. Whether Each jnhabitant who was by you formerly possessed with home shares of Land in y^e Ancientest Row of house Lotts in this Towne of providence weare not alsoe Equeall proprietors elsewhere | with you | in the | sayd | Towneshippe |there|of, yea or nay. Jf not, I pray what is ye differance

2^ly. Whether George Rickardes (deceased) formerly jnhabiting in this Towne aboute ye space of Twenty yeares, were by you Leagually | possessed | of his house Lott, or home share (to be therein) of Eaqueall propriety with you, yea or nay.

3^ly. Whether then if you cannot deny but ye sd Rickardes were Lawfully possessed of just Right & jnterest in sd Lott he Enjoyed, whether he was of Age to dispose | of | it, yea or nay.

4^ly. Whether then if ye sd Rickardes was of Age to dispose of his sd Lott &c, Whether a bargaine by him Contracted, be Leaguall yea or nay.

5^ly. Whether then if it should be proved y^t ye sd Contract | were | Leaguell whether | then | you can Answer it before god | or | man to disanull it, yea or nay.

6^ly Whether then (in case) it should be yor pleasures to make voyd ye sd former Contracts of ye deceased, vnder pretect of ye doeing of justice to ye fatherless, Whether pretended it wear not | as | great | a | peice of injustice & parciallity for to take away (by force from one orphan to give it to another, as to Leave ye other justice vndone,) yea or nay.

Dan: Abbott. /

(*Verso*)

This bill refer'd. /

[0294] by the magistrats order

shoowing: a hors of and haris	1 - 4
by shooing a hors for will whippel	1 - 4
by shooing a hors Vall Whitmans	1 - 4
by shooing 3 hors for Capt mosly	4 - 0

by sheepe that Capt mosly and the solders had by the magestrats order:
thes [ ] first by Joseph Jenks to
be alowed of by this audite this: 9th feb: $\frac{79}{80}$

[0295] Newport On Rhrode Jsland in his maiesties Collonÿ of Rhode island & ꝑvidence ꝑntations y^e^ i9^th^ of march 1679 : or : 80 :

Bÿ vertue of two severall warrants, to me directed, vnder y^e^ hand of our honored Govern^r^-maior Pelege Sanford Esquir, Governor of sd Collonÿ, bearing date y^e^ 18th instant Comanding me, in his maiesties naime, Charles ye second, king of great brittaine france & Jrland &c to give timelÿ notice to all ye townes in sd Collonÿ, that according to our Charter, theÿ & Each of them, doe make timelÿ provision, for ye two next generall assemblÿs : & generall court of trÿalls, y^t^ are to conveane together, in maÿ next at ye house of henerÿ palmer in newport, The first generall assemblÿ is to sett ye daÿ before ye generall Election, which is to be on ye first wensday in maÿ next, & ye sd generall court of trÿalls is to be held ye first mondaÿ next following ye said generall daÿ of Election &c / Thes are therfore in ye naime of his maiestie our Soveraigne Lord Charles ye Second king of great brittaine france & Jrland &c vpon sight hearof, to Call ye freemen of yor towne together & then to chuse so manÿ debutÿes, members of said generall asemblÿ, who are to meet ye day before ye Election, then & ther to admit of such ꝑsons acording to law, as they shall see cause to make freemen of sd Collonÿ, if anÿ be ꝑsented & send them | sd | debuty|s| members of said generall assemblÿ, vpon ye sd first wensdaÿ in maÿ next, at ye place apointed, ther to act & transact, such waightÿ affaires, as may seem needfull vnto them, touching ye generall choise of officers, for sd collonÿ ye year ensuing, & for ye good & weale therof, also all ye freemen of yor towne is to Apeare at ye sd electio|n| or send in ther proxis for ye choise of officers, for ye collony ye year ensuing, lickewise ÿou are to chuse & send into ye generall court of trÿalls, whoe are to sitt, as aforesaid so manÿ ꝑsons qualified acording to Law, to be, & serve, on ye grand iury & Jurÿ of trÿalls at all which times & place, aforesd, all ye generall assistants, debutÿs and Jurymen, ar heareby sommoned, & to be somoned to apeare by ye Sargent of yor towne, or such oficer as ÿou shall apoint / heareof pray fayle not /

Edmund Calverley generall Sargent

(*Verso*)

To m^r^ Steephen Arnold Captaine Arthur ffennor & m^r^ John whiple Ju^r^ or to Either off them Thes they being generall Asistants Giveing in providence

[0296] To : ye Towne Mett March y^e^ : 30th : 1680 : lo : Neighbors

Wheras by ye late warr, And Excessive height of ye Tide Demollishing much of o^r^ fence, wee were Constrained to run a fence a Cross ye Comon at or neere ye Cow pen poynt, for our then and now nessesaty, And therefore Desire of this Towne that ye wood grant me y^t^ libberty that my fence may

(*Verso*)

may there stand Dureing my terme in ye sayd land I now Dwell upon, and I shall

keepe a paire of handy Bars for an Jnlett, or outlett for and to ye Townes use for Carts or any thing that may not damnifie me nor ye Towne. and in soe doeing you will oblige yor Servant

Jo^{n} Steere

2. This bill grantd. /

[0297] To ye Towne mett, March: ye 31th: 16|80| that where as I Bovght a peice of land of this Towne as yor Recordes make apeare, I doe desire that yor Towne woold give me a sufficient Deed there of according to law, as our Towne orders doe order it shall be given to Every one that doth Desire it of the Towne, and in soe doeing yov will oblige him who is yor servant:

Tho: Clemance

[0298] To the towne I desire to hau the north East Corner of my land that lyeth beetwen henry browne and Thomas pede Rectified

Aprill 27th: 1680 Epenetus Olney

[0299] To the Towne of Providence mett together this 27th: of Aprill, i680 at a quarter meeting.

Neighbours whereas there was a percell of Land formerly layd out unto me in ye Neck; the which was layd out by Capt: ffenner, & Tho: Harris sen^{r}: then sirveiors; but it so falleth out y^{t} all ye boundes there of are not Certainely knowne; The which land being by me passed away unto Tho: Patey; my request therefore is that the Towne would be pleased to take ye matter into Consideration & order ye setlement of ye bounde[ ] thereof, y^{t} so I may be in a Capassitye to mak[ ] him an asurance of ye same,

Aprill ye 27th: 80. John Browne

[0300] To ye towne mett this 27th of Aprill i680

These are to desire ye towne to accomedate me with a Litt spott of grovnd of about 40 ffoott Squar, aboue high water marke (by ye water side) against my dwelling house with ye priveledge of a whorfe alsoe. ffor ye wch I shall be thankfull vnto you, And remaine yor to serve you in any office of Love to my power

George Sheppard

[0301] To ye towne mett this 27th of Aprill i680:

These are to desire ye towne y^{t} they wovld be pleased to proceed on in ye Laying out of ye Landes, as is by ye towne | order | allready agreed vpon to be Layd out: for my part, I havee occation for ye jmproving of my part thereof Who am yor Lo: Neighb^{r}.

Samuell Bennett

[0302] To ye towne mett this 27th of Aprill i680

These are to desire ye towne (now ye two yeares are expired.) That according ye towne order made ye 28th of january Last past, they take a course for to pay me for house rent; & Clerkes fees, & for w^t is other wayes due vnto me ℘ Leivying ye Rate, for I have need of my pay. if soe ℘formed. I shall Remaine yor ffriend Dan Abbott

And alsoe y^t I may be recorded a purchasser: by subscription &c I being possesed of my father's Right of purchase he jnjoyed: That is to say, his interest of Comonage | w^ch | he sold not.

This granted.

[0303] To ye Towne mett, Aprill y^e: 27th: 1680 my desire: is that you wovld be pleased to give me the same priviledg as hath bene granted to others: that is to have forty ffoot Square of land by ye Water side: desireing to have it against my ffather harris his lott he Consenting to ye Same, Yo^rs to serue

Samuell Whipple:

[0304] Gentlemen.

I rec^d. your letter of the 10th of December 1676. almost two yeares since, but have bene vnder various sore exercises, and have neglected till now (that my ingagem^ts presse me beyond what I am able to discharge) to make any returne to it; Jt pleased the Lord the Last yeare to take from me my Deare wife by & with whom I had for many yeares a comfortable Society and subsistence, And now in old age my strength and estate is wasted and my sorrowes & burthens multiplyed. I must therefore intreate you to make me a returne by the first opportunity of what remaines due to me from my former Deare freind Mr John Clarke (whose Executors you are) And vpon the receipt of what is due to me vpon his morgage I shall according to your desire cancell the morgage and send it to you. I have sent you herevpon indorsed an acc^o. of what I have received, And you will perceive by that there remaines due to me vpon that morgage Sixty one pounds.

I have reritten the same wth this and sent it to one m^r John Ruggles of Boston to convey to you. He is also in my debt for principall monie (besides interest ever since october 1664.) one hundred fifty nine pounds ten shillings Jf any of you have occasion to goe to Boston, though you are strangers to me yet I intreate the favour (vpon my old acquaintance wth Mr Clarke) to speake to m^r Ruggles to make me some returne And to send me word what condition he is in And what hopes there is that he can or will pay me. A few lines from any of you herein will be a kindnes to me

May. 5. 1680. / Yo^r affectionate freind

Direct your Letter to be Left Ri Deane

for me att m^r william Jarretts

house Merchant in Lime Streete London.

(*Verso*)

The acc°. of m^r John Clarke of Rhode Jsland wth Richard Deane is D^r

			£	s	d
1664.	Jan. 17.	To m° Lent him vpon the morgage of his house and Land in Rhode Jsland	140	—	—
1665.	Jan. 17.	To one yeares interest	8.	8	—
1666	Jan. 17	To one yeares interest	8.	8	—
1667	Jan. 17.	To one yeares interest of 75£. 8s.	4.	10	—
1668.	Jan. 17.	To one yeares interest of 75£ 8s	4.	10	—
1669	Jan. 17	To one yeares interest of 80£	4.	16	—
1670.	Jan. 17	To one yeares interest of 80£	4.	16	—
1671.	Mar. 31	To 5 weeks interest of 30£ & 5 weeks interest of 40£	—	14.	3
			176.	2:	3
1680	Mar. 31.	To 9 yeares interest of 40£	21.	12	—
			197:	14:	3

The acc° ꝑ Contra. C^r.

			£	s	d
1666.	Apr. 19.	By m° rec^d of m^r Josiah Cole by bill from the Jsland	15	—	—
		By m° paid to Norton wes ton in Rhode Jsland	12.	10	—
	ffeb.	By m° rec^d of m^r John Barlee By [ ] from the Jsland	30	—	—
1667.	Mar.	By m^[] rec^d of m^r Joseph Scott by a bill from providence	23.	10	—
1668	Jan^ry.	By m° rec^d of m^r John Barlee vpon a bill drawne two yeares before on m^r Valentine osten	5	—	—
1670.	ffeb.	By m° rec^d of m^r Jo: Harwood by order of m^r w^m Harris	10	—	—
1671.	Mar. 31	By m° rec^d. of Colonell Richard Turner	40	—	—
			136	—	—
1680	Mar. 31.	Remaines due to me to ballance this acc°	61.	14.	3
			197.	14:	3

[0305] to the toune mett this. 7th of may. i680: my Requestis that the

South or Southorn bounds of Thomas Haris his Lott which Thomas Clamen|c| bought of him | may bee known | .your frind and naber

James Mathuson

[0306] To ye Towne mett June y^e^: 6th: 1680 ·

whereas there is many weighty matters which Conserne ye Counsell, and in the multitude of Counsell there may be safety, I doe desire ye Towne woold be pleased to Add to ye Counsell two persons more, which may be so Aded by Elction of ffree voate after an order made for it, that soe we may have as large an Number as any other Towne in ye Collony

Yo^r^ ffreind
Jo^n^: Whipple: Junr

(*Verso*)

this Bill is granted

[0307] My good frjend

Loving remembrance to you both: Jt hath pleased ye most High & only wise to stir vp yor Spirjt to be one of ye Chiefest stakes in our poore hedge: I therefore (not being well able to Come to you) present you with a few thoughts about (y^t^ great stumbling block to them y^t^ are willing to stumble & trouble themselues &c) our Rates. James Matison had one Copie of me & Tho: Arnold another. This I send to yor Selfe & ye Towne (for jt may be I shall not be able to be at meeting): I am grieved y^t^ you doe so much Service for so bad Recompence: but I am ꝑswaded you shall find Cause to Say ye Most High God of Recompences, (Jer 31) who was Abrahams Great Reward, hath paid me.

I am vnworthy to be yor true & affectionate frjend R. W.[1]

Providence 23. Jun: 1680 (so calld)

(*Verso*)

Whereas by ye vote of this Towne of providence

Whereas | by a voate of this Towne of providence | | vpon ye 27th of July Lest past | a rate of 11^£^ in or money was Leivied on ye jnhabitants of ye this Towne of providence in ye Collony aforesd for ye sattisfieing of house rent & serjant wages & other Depts of ye Towne Contracted since ye 3rd of june in ye yeare i678, | & by a vote of | as by ye Recodes of this Towne may appere

To my kind frjend Dan: Abbot Clarke of ye Towne of Providence

[0308] A List of two Rates Leivied on this Towne of providence This i6^th^ day of july i680: The one Rate of foure pd Eight shillings for ye paym^t^: of Joseph jenckes o[ ] ye Collonys behalfe: The other, A Rate of Seaven po[ ] A[ ]ssed on our Towne by ye Collony. wch are As followeth

[1] This letter is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

jmp.	To The 4 pd Rate &c. £	s	d	q[r]		To The 7 pd Rate. £	s	d	q[r]
Cap[tn] Arthur ffenner	0		0	0	. . .	0		0	0
Will: Carpenter; & his Two sons: Silas, Benj: and theire Saw-mill	0	3	8	0	. . .	0	5	8	0
Stephen Arnold	0	4	2	0	. . .	0	6	6	0
Will: Haukings	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	3	0
James Blackmore	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	3	0×
Jeremiah Roades	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	3	0
John sheldon	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8	0
Joseph williams	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8	0×
Will: harris	0	1	2	0	. . .	0	1	6	0
Andrew harris	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	2	0
Zackariah ffeild & his father's Right	0	1	4	0	. . .	0	1	11×	0
John steere	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	5	0
James Mathuson	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	2	0
Tho: Clemence	0	1	0	0	. . .	0×	1	8	0
Anthony Everdens Estate	0	1	3	0	. . .	0	2	0	0
Hen: Browne	0	1	3	0	. . .	0	1	11	0
Parden Tillinghast & his son John's Right	0	1	8	0	. . .	0	1	9	0
Sam: winsor, wth the Orphans of Resolved waterman's Estate	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	01	8	0
Cap[t] hopkins, with his father's Right	0	0	9×	0	. .	0	1	9	0
Ann harris	0	0	9	0	. . .	0	1	4×	0
Dan: williams, with y[e] Right of Nicho: powers	0	2	8	0	. . .	0	4	01	0
James Clarkes Right	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	3	0
Abraham man, wth his mother's Right	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	0	9	0
John Lappum's Right	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	2	0
Tho: harris	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	5	0
George way	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	2	0
Tho: hopkins jun[r]:	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	2	0
Tho: ffeild	0	2	8	0×	. . .	0	4	1	0×
Dan: Abbott, wth y[e] orphs of Tho: wallings Right	0		0	0	. . .	0		8	0

	£	s	d	qr		£	s	d	qr
Nathan^{ull}: waterman, and his Mother's Right	0	3	2	0	. . .	0 ×	5	0	0
Tho: Angell	0	0	i 0	0	. . .	0	1	4	0
James Angell	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	3	0
Tho: Olney	0	1	3	0	. . .	0	1	11	0
Rich: pray, mary, & Ephraim's Right	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8	0

(*Verso*)

To The 4 pd Rate.: To The 7 pd Rate:

	£	s	d	q^{r}		£	s	d	q^{r}
Vall: Whittman	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8	0
Dan: Browne	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	0	9	0
S[ ]m: Right	0	0	6 ×	0	. . .	0	0	9	0
R[ ]ge[ ] Williams	0	0	6	0 ×	. . .	0	0	9	× 0
Rich: Scotts Estate	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8	0
John Thornton	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	5	0
John Throckmorton's Right	0	0	i 0	0	. . .	0	1	4	0
John whipple jun^{r}:, wth ye orphans of John Scott	0	1	8	0	. . .	0	2	6	
John whipple	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	5	
John Smith miller	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8 ×	
Shadrack manton, & his son Edward	0	1	8	0	. . .	0	2	7	
James Dexter's Right	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	3	
Epenatus Olney	0	0	i 1	0^{4}	. . .	0	1	4	
Tho: paty	0	0	6	0^{4} ^{x}	. . .	0	0	6	
Tho: Olney jun^{r}:	0	1	6 ^{x}	0	. . .	0	2	9	
John Browne	0	0	i 0	0	. . .	0	1	4	
Tho: Arnold	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	8	
Widdow Bellew, & her mother's Right	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	5	
John Arnold, & his Mother's Right	0	0	9	0	. . .	0	0	10 ^{x}	
John Smith Mason, & his son joseph	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	06	
Tho: harris jun^{r}:	0	2	2	0	. . .	0	3	01	
Sam: whipple	0	1	3	0	. . .	0	1	11	
Benja: hernden	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	6	
Gregory Dexter, wth his Son John	0	1	8	0	. . .	0	2	7	

	£	s	d	q^{r}		£	s	d	q^{r}
Asten Tomas & his two sons Right's	0	1	4	0	. . .	0	1	10	
Stephen harding, & his Son Abraham	0	1	4	0	. . .	0	1	10	
Joseph jenckes, & his Saw-mill	0	2	2	0	. . .	0	3	01	
Sam: Tifft	0	0	x 10	0	. . .	0	1	04	
Laurence wilkisson & his two sons Right's	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	2	
Eliezar Arnold	0	0	10	0	. . .	0	1	4	
Rich: Arnold	0	1	8	0	. . .	0	2	3	
Edward Smith with his mother' Right	0	1	0	0	. .	0	1	8	
widdow Abigail Dexter	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	5	
Eliezar whipple	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	0	9	
Sam: wilkisson	0	0	3	0	. .	0	0	6	
Ephraim peirce	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	10	
Jonathan Sprague	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	01	01	
John pray	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	6	
John Bellew	0	0	4	0	.	0	0	6	
James Bellew	0	0	2		. . .	0	0	3	

(*Recto*)

To The 4 pd Rate: To The 7 pd Rate

	£	s	d	q^{r}		£	s	d	q^{r}
Edward jnman	0	0	4	0	. .	0	0	× 6	
John jnman	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	6	
Edward jnman jun^{r}:	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	4	
John Morey	0	0	3	0	.	0	0	4	
Widdow Borden	0	×	0	0	. .	0	×	8	
Joseph wises Right	0	1	0	0	.	0	01	8	
George Keetchs Right	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	2	
Jsraell Arnold	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	0	9	
Will: haughkings jun':	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	4	
Sam: Bennetts Right	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	4	
Sam: Comstock	0	0	2	0 ×	. . .	0	0	2	×
Tho: Sucklings Right	0	0	2	0 ×	. . .	0	0	2	
Tho: Roberts Right	0	0	9	0	. . .	0	0	x 10	
Jo^{n} Thornton, for D: Parks Right	0	0	9	0	. . .	0	0	11	
John ffenner	0	0	×	0	. . .	0	0	×	

	£	s	d	q^{r}		£	s	d	q^{r}
John Sayles	0	0	6 ×	0	. . .	0	0	9	
hen: ffowler's Right	0	0	9	0	. . .	0	0	10	
Nathan: morey	0	0	03	0	. . .	0	0	04	
joseph hernden	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	02	
Benja: hernden jun^{r}	0	0	3	0	. . .	0	0	02	
John Rices Right	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	2	
Will. Blaxton's Right	0	0	4	0	. . .	0	0	5	
Tho: ffenner	0	0	×	0	. . .	0	×	01	
Timothy Carpenter	0	0	8	0	. . .	0	1	7 ×	
Ephraim Carpenter	0	0	8	0	. . .	0	01	7	
George Sheppard	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	4	
William vincent	0	1	0	0	. . .	0	1	03	
Joseph woodward	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	02	
Sam: Repes Right	0	2	0	0	. . .	0	3	04	
David Whipple	0	0	2	0 ×	. . .	0	0	02	×
Ralfe paine	0	0	2	0	. . .	0	0	03	
John haughkings	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	1	01	
James Aston	0	0	6	0	. . .	0	0	9	0
John Angell						0	0	8	0
James weakley						0	0	6	
Ed: Lvndon						0	0	6	

Whereas at ye Last Towne meetting on ye 5th of this jnstant, Stephen Arnold, Arthur ffenner, Joseph jenckes, & Dan: Abbott were appoynted for ye Leivying of three Rates on o^{r} Towne, The wch according to ye best of o^{r} vnderstanding we have ꝑformed; of wch these above written are two of them. — As wittnesse our handes this 27th day of july: i680:

Joseph Jenckes — Arthur ffenner
Dan: Abbott — Stephen Arnold

[0309] A List of a Rate of a ii£ (in or | as | money) Leivied on this Towne of providence july ye 16th i680: to ye end appoynted, as ye Towne order enjoyneth Concerneing ye sd rate: | the wch are | As ffolloweth

jmpremes, /	£	s	d	q^{t}
Cap^{tn} Arthur ffenner	0	7	6	
Will: Carpenter & his two sons Silas & Benjamin & theire saw-mill	0	8	10 ×	
Stephen Arnold	0	10	02	
Will: Haughkings	0	0	3	0

	£	s	d	q[r]
James Blackmore	0	0	3	0
Jeremiah Roades	0	0	3	0
John Sheldon	0	2	6	
Joseph williams	0	2	6	
William harris	0	2	6	
Andrew harris	0	2	0	
Zachariah ffeild & his ffathers Right	0	3	1	
John Steere	0	0 i	7	
James Mathuson	0	02	0	
Tho : Clemence	0	02	06	
Anthony Everdens Est	0	03	0	
Hen : Browne	0	03	0	
Parden Tillinghast & his son John's Right	0	03	3	
Sam : winsor, wth y[e] orphans Right of Resolved waterman	0	2	× 6	
Capt : will Hopkins, & his fathers Right	0	2	0	
Ann harris	0	1	11	
Dan : william wth y[e] Right of Nich : power	0	6	5	
Abraham man wth his Mothers Right	0	0 i	3 ×	
James Clarkes Right	0	0	6	
John Lappums Right	0	0	3	
Thomas hairis	0	2	3	
George way	0	0	3	
Tho : hopkins jun[r] :	0	0	3	
Thomas ffeild	0	6	5	
Dan : Abbott, with y[e] orphans of Thomas walling	0	2	6	
Nathan : waterman, & his mothers Right	0	7	7	
Tho : Angell	0	2	0.	
James Angell	0	0	3	
Tho : Olney	0	3	0	

	£	s	d	q^{r}
Rich: pray, mary, and Ephraim pray	0	2	6	
Vallen: whittman	0	2	6	
Dan: Browne	0	1	3	
Sam: Right	0	1	3	
Roger williams	0	1	3	
Rich: Scott's Estate	0	2	6	
John Thornton	0	0	9	
Jo^{n} Throckmortons Right	0	2	0 i	
Jo^{n} whipple jun^{r}, with ye orphans of Jo^{n} Scott	0	4	01	
Jo^{n} whipple sen^{r}:	0	2	02	
Jo^{n} Smith, miller	0	2 ×	06	
Shadrach manton, wth his son Edward	0	4	01	
James Dexter's Right	0	0	06 ×	
Epenatus Olney	0	2	00	
Tho: paty	0	0	i0	
Tho: Olney jun^{r}:	0	3	08	
Jo^{n} Browne	0	2	00	
Tho: Arnold	0	2	06	
widdow Bellew, & her mother's Right	0	0	7	
Jo^{n} Arnold & his Mother's Right	0	1	7	
John Smith mason & his son Joseph	0	0	10	
Tho: harris jun^{r}:	0	4	11 ×	
Sam: whipple	0	3	0	
Benja: hernden	0	0	10	
Gregory Dexter, wth his Son Jo^{ns} Right	0	4	01	
Asten Tomas, & his Two Sons Right	0	3	00	
Stephen harding, & his Son Abraham	0	3	00	
Joseph jenckes, & his Saw-mill	0	4	i i	
Sam: Tiff	0	i	i 0	
Laurence wilkisson, & his two Sons Right	0	2	0	

	£	s	d	q[t]
Eleizar Arnold	0	01	10	
Rich: Arnold	0	03	09	
Edward Smith, & his mother Right	0	2	6	

(*Verso*)

	£	s	d	q[r]
Widdow Abigail Dexter Right	00	0	7	
Eliazar Whipple	00	01	03	
Samu: Wilkisson	00	0	9 ×	
Ephraim peirce	00	01	0	
Jonathan Sprague	00	01	07	
John pray	00	00	10	
John Bellew	00	00	09	
James Bellew	00	00	04	
Edward jnman	00	00	10	
John jnman	00	00	10	
Edward jnman jun[r]	00	00	07 ×	
Jo[n] Morey	00	00	08	
widow Borden	00	02	06	
Joseph wises Right	00	02	06	
George Keet his Right	00	00	04	
Jsraell Arnold	00	01	03	
will: haughkins jun[r]	00	00	07	
Samuell Bennetts his Right	00	00	06	
Sam: Comstock	00	00	07	
Tho: Sucklings his Right of Lands	00	00	07	
Rich: Arnold's | saw | mill	00	01	00	

	£	s	d	q[t]
Tho: Roberts Right	00	01	7	
Jo[n] Thornton, for Dakcon Parks Right	0	1	8	
John ffenner	0	0	7	
John Sayles	0	1	3	
Hen: ffowler' Right	0	1	7	
Nathan: Morey	0	0	7	
Joseph hernden	0	0	2	
Benja: hernden jun[r]	0	0	2	
Jo[n] Rices Right	0	0	2	
Will: Blaxton' Right	0	0	9 ×	

	£	s	d	qr
Tho: ffenner	0	1	7	
Timothy Carpenter	0	2	0	
Ephraim Carpenter	0	2	01	
George Shepperd	0	0	7	
Will: Vencent	0	2	2	
Joseph woodward	0	0	4	
Sam: Reapes Right	0	4	11	
David whipple	0	0	4	
Ralfe paine	0	0	5	
John houghkings	0	1	7	
James Aston's Right	0	1	3	
The Saw-mill in or Towne	0	2	0	

Whereas at ye Last Towne meetting on ye 5th of this jnstant, Stephen Arnold, Arthur ffenner, Joseph jenckes, & Dan: Abbott were appoynted for ye Leiviing of three Rates on or Towne, The wch according to ye best of or vnderstanding we have ꝑformed, of wch this above written is one of them: — As wittnesse or handes.

This 27th day of
july: 1680:

Arthur ffenner
Stephen Arnold
Joseph Jenckes
Dan: Abbott

[0310] To ye towne mett this 27th of july i680

Neighbours, Walter Clarke desired me to Record a Deed of ye Little spott of Land John Crossman sovld him on ye other side by ye Cow pen: Therefore my desire is whether you see cous for to grant it vnto him yea or nay.

Arthur ffenner

yor ffriend Dan: Abbott Cl:

[0311] To ye Towne mett, July ye: 27: 1680

I desire ye Towne to take some Care speedyly that I may haue ye mony that I stand obliged to pay for my Diett when I lay under Cure, being wounded by ye Jndians in ye late Troublesome warr my nessesti Calleth for it, being often Called upon for ye same, saying they haue great need of ye same,

Yor ffreind Eliazur Whipple

[0312] Whereas my husband is by a providence now a Captive in Turky & hath by a letter from himselfe late come to my hand signified that hee will make over all his Estate that he hath to mr ffrances Brinley in order to procure his redemption: And ye said mr Brinly haveing sent to me to meete him by my Atturney, or Agent in Boston for yt purpose. These are therefore to signifie that I Susanna Harris wife of ye sayd William Harris of Pautuxett in Providence in ye

Collony of Rhode Jsland & Providence plantations in New England. Doe hereby Ordaine Constitute & Appoynt John Whipple of Providence (jun^{r}) my true & Lawfull Atturny on my behalfe to act doe & performe as to the p^{r}mises. And I doe by these presents fully wholy & Absolutely Jnvest ye said John Whipple with as full power as myselfe, in my name, & for me to act & doe all things which may be for ye procureing of my said husband his Redemption, And what my sd Atturny shall performe as to ye p^{r}mises shall be as Authentick in Law to all intents & purposes as if I myselfe had done it in my owne person, as wittnesse my hand and Seale the fourteenth day of October in ye yeare one Thousand Six hundred & Eighty. Susan Harris L S

Wittnesse
[ ]oseph Williams
John Smith

[0313] gorg way you ar desiered to publish willam peney of boston and Ruth hallet both of boston who intend maridg : thay haueing bin both with me for that end : ℘^{r} me

Joseph Jenckes Asistant

the 22 : october : 1680

[0314] To the toune met this 27th of |Octo|ber : 80 my Request is I may Chang : 35 : Acors of Land which my Grand fathar Mr Rogor william|s Gaue me, which Sayd Land Lieth one the Est Side of Sitamuschut hill and in So doing you will Oblge your pititionor

John Sayles
This Bill is Granted. /

[0315] To Gorg Way Sergant of the Town of Prouidenc Greting
you ar in his maisties name Charels the Second king of England Scotland france & Jarland etc To Give timely warning vnto all the free men of the town of prouidenc to mett and assimbel to gether At the hous of daniell abot on the 17 day of nouember | which is wensday next | at 9 of the Clock that thay maye then & there hear there aquisations laid to there Charge by : Sarah : Nelle that thay maye vindicat them Selues to perform your ofice in this mater you ar not to faill at your perell

Giuen vnder my hand the 15 day of Nouember 1680 by me

Stephen Arnold assistant

[0316] I being Desired to speak what I heard Sarah neale say as to the Dishonor of this town in the month of october this yer 1680 the Aboue said sary Did Com to my hows And Did by most vnsufferable Langueg Abuse both my Self and

my wife and furd|er| said that this | towne | was A Cauge of vncleane birds And that they ware All Roages and whores and that she would stay in the town in the spite of theire teeths: the which I promosed hir to informe this said town As heere I haue Done wittnes my hand Sam^ll Winsor

this 17th of nouember 1680

[0317] Gentlemen

I have heare inclosed sent ÿou ye Actts of ye Last generall assembly held ye 27th of october Last praÿing you to Cause them to be published in yor towne Acording as ye Law Apointeth noe moor but that I Am yor humble servant

Edmund Calverleÿ generall sargent

November ye 21th: 1680

(*Verso*)

To Capt: ffenner m^r steeven Arnold & m^r Joseph Jenkes Asistants at providence Thes deliver or to Either of them

(*Verso*)

[0318] Edward manton son of Shadarach manton was married vnto Elisabeth Thornton dauter of John Thorton the ninth day of desember 1680

by me Arthur ffenner
Asistant

John Thornton son of [ ]ohn Thornton was maried vnto Elisabe[ ]ornton Dauter of Shadrach manton t[ ] ninth day of Desembar 1680 by [ ]

Arthur ffenner Asistant

Peter Greene of Warwick Son of Cap^ta John Greene Was married vnto Elisabeth Arnold dauter of m^r Steven Arnold of patuxet within the towneship of Providence on the 16 day of Desembar 1680 by me

Arthur ffenner Asistant

These Marriages are Enrouled in y^e Towne booke of y^e Entry of Towne Orders: towerdes y^e Latter end. ℘ Dan. Abbott Clerke vpon y^e 11th of ffeb: 16$\frac{80}{81}$:

Bethia Waterman Departed this Life the third Day of Desembar 1680

(*Recto*)

Debora ffeild departed this Life in the yeare 1679

Steven Harden And his Wife both of them departed this Life in the yeare 1680

Ruth Steere dauter of John Steere departed this Life in the yere 1680

These burials are Enrouled in y^e old Booke of Brass clapses of this Towne of providenc Towerds y^e Later end of y^e sd Booke: ℘ By Dan: Abbott Towne Clerke: ffeb: y^e 11th: i6$\frac{80}{81}$

[0319] Att a Towne meetting the 7th of ye 12 mo: 1658 /

Recored that Tho: Clemence hath Taken vp a ℘cell of Land to ye vallue of Three Acars more or Lesse The wch Land the sayd Tho: Clemence bought of this Towne; Bovnded on ye South with ye Land of Robert Williams; Bovnd on ye north ye north with ye Land of Rich Scott; on ye East with ye Land which Tho: Clemence now dwelleth | vpon; | on ye west with ye Land of Benedict Arnold:

A True Coppie: Coppied Aprill 4th i680: /

℘ Daniell Abbott Towne Clerke

(*Verso*)

Clemance his Record of land from ye Towne:

[0320] Knowe all men by these presents, That I William Hernton of ye Towne of providence, in ye Collony of Roade-Js-land and providence plantations: Ectt, Haue sold unto Andrew Edmunds: A Horse of a light Gray, with a halfe peney Cutt out behind of Each Eare, Docte Branded one ye neere shoulder with ye letters: S J: and Delivered to ye sd Edmunds, the sayle whereof I doe heereby warrant and justifie as a lawfull sayle made by me ye sayd william Hernton of ye sayd Horse to ye sayd Andrew Edmunds, and to secure him in the sayd sayle: as a law full sayle [ ]rom all persons what soeuer As Wittness my hand and seale this: Seauenth day of December: 1680 and Thirty seccond yeare of his Majestys Reigne Charles ye Seccond: ectt,

Wittnes vs:

The marke
Jonathan X Whipple
of
John Whipple: Junr

The marke
William W H: Hernto|n| L S
of

(*Verso*)

will Her[ ] Bill of sale [ ] my Horse

[0321] To ye towne mett this 15th of Desembr: i680:

These are to desire of ye to Towne to resolue me whether ye cader Swampe (called & knowne by ye name Wainsocitt,) be ye Townes Comon yea or nay. for I haveing had an occation to make use of some of Timber there, And have been forworned by ye Moreys, Chhallenging it to be there Land: Soe desireing yor posittive Answer there to.

Remaineing yor Neighbour
Benjamin Herden.

[0322] To ye Towne mett this: 15th: of Decemr 1680

my request to ye Towne is: that they woold Grant me libberty to residede in ye Towne Dureing the Townes Approbation, behaveing myselfe as a Civell man ought to doe, Desireing not to putt ye Towne to any Charge by my resideing here; and for what ye Towne shall see Cause further to Enquire of me, I shall see I hope to give them a true and sober Answer there unto, Yo^r freind and Servant

Tho: Waters:

[0323] To the Towne mett this 2th of Janwary 1681

I vnderstand that Thomas Copper is not gon out of this towne according to the order of the towne I pray the towne to Consider of it whether it may not be Convenent to Chuse 2 or 3 men to desier of our maigstrats a warant to remue him according to order of the towne & if thay refuse then to haue power to pray A warrant of the Gouerner to send the sayd Copper according to order of the Towne soe I Rest

Tho: ffield

(*Verso*)

This Bill is Granted and recorded

[0324] To ye Towne mett this 6th day of | june | 1681.

These are to desire ye Towne to order & settle a high way of 2 or 3 poles Breadth between Dan Brown's Lott Ranging wth ye Lott now in ye possessien of Sam. winsor formerly will: haukings his Lott, & ye Land now in ye possession of Nathaniell waterman on ye back side of ye old Towne ffeild in providence neck: whereby ye Neigho^rs aboutes | vs | (vpon occation) may have some Conveinency of passage vnto ye Townes Common beyond those Lotts, where it was formerly Layd out for a high way, as willd: haukings Affirmeth

Yo^r Neighb^r Dan: Abbott

[0325] the Acount of Alexander Bolkcom that is two oxen 4 Cowes of my owne and one Cowe of m^r John wheppele one mare & of planting land About two Akers the 12th of first month 1687.

the Acount of Alexander Bolkcom iuner one mare: one 3 yeare | old | Steare one 3 yeare, | old | hifer two to yeare olds ye 12th of ye first month 1687

the Acount of Joshua Clarke one mare one yearling Colt two Coues | A | 3 yeare old hifer one two yeare old About too akers of planting land

the acount of Richard phillipes one maier too: two yeare | olds | Cattall planting land halfe an aker

14 – 0 – 0	Bol. j^r:
3 – 0 – 0	5 – 10 – 0
	2 – 10
0 – 1 – 6	0 – 0 8

Richard
phillupes
4 - 0 - 0
0 - 0 - 4

Joush^{ar} Clarke
3 - 0 - 0
4 - 0 - 0
5 - 5 - 0
1 - 5 - 0
0 - 1 - 0
13 - 11 - 0
0 - 1 - 2

(*Verso*)

A nott of Acounts

[0326] 1681

[1] Consideratjons presented, touching Rates.

1 Gov^{r}ment & Order in Families Towns &c js the Ordinance of ye most High (Rom. 13) for ye peace & Good of Mankind.

2 Six things are written in ye hearts of all Mankind yea euen in pagans: First y^{t} there js a Dejtie, 2 y^{t} Some Actjons are naught 3 y^{t} ye Dejtie will punish 4 y^{t} there js another Life. 5 y^{t} Mariage js hon^{ble} 6 y^{t} Mankind can not keepe together without Some Goverment

3 There js no English Man in his Maties Domjnjons or elswhere, who js not forced to Submit to Gov^{r}ment.

4 There js not a Man in ye World (except Robbers pyrates, Rebells) but doth Submit to Gov^{r}ment.

5 Euen Robbers, pyrates & Rebells themselues can not hold togeather but by Some Law among themselus & Gov^{r}ment.

6 One of these 2 great Lawes in ye World must prevajle, ejther y^{t} of Judges & Justices of peace, in Courts of peace: Or ye Law of Arms, ye Sword & Bloud.

7 Jf jt Come from ye Courts of Trjalls in peace, to ye Trjall of ye Sword & Bloud, ye Conquero^{r} js forced to Setle Law & Gov^{r}ment

8 Till matters Come to a Setled Gov^{r}ment, No Man js ordjnarily Sure of his Howse, Goods Lands Catle Wife Children or Life.

9 Hence js y^{t} ancient Maxjme: Jt js better to liue vnder a Tirant in peace, then vnder ye Sword, or Where Euery Man js a Tirant

i0 His Matie sends Gouern^{rs} to Barbados Virgjnja &c but to vs he shews greater fauo^{r} in ou^{r} Charters, to choose Whom We please

11 No Charters are obtajnd without great Sujt, Favo^{r} or Charges Our | First | Cost an hundreth pound (though I neuer recd jt all): Our second about a thousand, Conecticuts aboue Six | thousand |

12 No Gov^{r}ment js maintajnd without Trjbute Custome, Rates, Taxes &c

[1] This instrument is in the handwriting of Roger Williams.

13 Our Charter excells all in N: Engl: or ye World, as to ye Souls of Men.

14 Jt pleaseth God (Rom. 13) to Command Tribute Custome (& Consequently Rates &c not only for feare, but for Conscience Sake

15 Our Rates are ye least (by far) of any Colony in N. Engl:

16 There js no man yt hate a Vote in Towne or Colony but he hath a hand in making ye Rates by himselfe or hjs Deputies.

17 Jn our Colony ye Gen: Assembly, Govr, Magistrates, Deputies Townes | Towne Clerks | Raters, Constables &c haue done thejr duties, ye fajling lies vpon particular | ℘sons |

18 Jt js but Folly to resist (one or more & if one why not more) God hath stirred vp ye Spirit of ye Govr, Magistrates & officers (driuen to jt by Necessitie) to be Vnanimously resolued to see ye

(*Verso*)

Matter finished: & jt js ye dutie of euery man to maintajne Encowrage & strengthen ye hand of Authoritie.

19 Black Clouds (some Yeares) haue hung ouer Old & N. Engl: heads: God hath bene Wonderfully patient & Long suffering to vs? but who sees not Changes & Calamities hanging | over | vs

20 All men feare yt this blazing Herauld from Heauen denounceth from ye most High, Wars pestilences, famjnes: Js jt not then our Wisedome to make & keepe peace with God & Men?

Yor old vnworthy Srvant R. W

Providence, 15 Jan, i681 (so calld)

To ye Towne of Providence
present

[0327] To John Whipple of ye Towne of providence | junr: | in his Majestys Collony of Roade-Jsland and providence plantations in New Eng-land Ectt: these Greeting:

These are in his Majestys name Charles ye Seccond Ectt: to require you, or whome you shall Depute, to Arest ye Bodey of onesephorus stanley late resident in yor: sayd Towne in ye Case of yov ye sayd whipple Jn An Action of Debt, and him in safe Coustodey to keep untill he put in Sufitient Bayle returnable according to law to make his lawfull Appearence at ye next Generall Court of Trialls to be held for ye Collony the last Tuesday in March next Ensueing ye Date hereof, And then and there to Answer unto ye suite whereof ye Debt and Damage is Sixteene pounds sterling here of yov are not to fayle as yov will Answer ye Contrary at yor perill

Given vnder my hand:
John Spenser Consurveter
of the pece

Dated January the 21: 1681:

(*Verso*)

These are in his Majestys name to Athorize, Jmpower, Comitionat, Appoynt, and Constitvte yov ye sayd John Whipple on ye other Speceified, (or whome you shall Appoynt or imploye Soe that, justice may take place) to Execute ye sayd writt on ye other Side Specefied and full perfor ye same according to ye intent of ye Same:

Vnder my hand
John Spenser Conserveter
of the pece

Dated January the: 2ith: 1681
1681 Spencers warrant
John Spenser

[0328] wch his Equall [ ] Line, And doth relinquish all other Clames as to annother Claime beyond ye Seaven mile Line as to a pautuxett Clame wch may any wayes arise from ye ye pautuxett Right wch he Bought of Mr John Green; and alsoe wch doth anywayes arise from ye pautuxett Right wch he Bought of Mr Richard parker, (wch formerly belonged to Mr Throckmorton) Jn wittnesse whereof he doth heare vnto Sett his hand in ye p^{r}sence of ye Towne of providence at theire Towne Meetting

William Carpenter Seneor

This a Tru[ ]pa: as it is on 151th page of ye Towne Booke of Brass [ ]s: Coppied this 27th of Jan: 1680: or 81: /

℘ Dan: Abbott Towne Cl:

(*Verso*)

Memorand: june ye 1st. 1679:

Dan: Abbott bestoweth one Acar of Land vpon Joseph woodward, vpon these conditions; that none by ye Towne, shall | futurely | be accomidated wth Land by ye voate of ye Towne, but after ye Like manner of benovelence of [ ]icular persons out of (Each their) owne Rig[ ]

Capt ffen^{r}	[ ] Acars.	Capt hopkins	5 Acars
Tho: Ar[ ]	4 Acars.	Ed: jnman	3 Acars.
Roger williams	5 Acars.	Hen: Browne	2 Acars.
Ed: Smith	3 Acars.	Tho: Clemence	2 Acars.
Sam: winsor	2 Acars	Epe: Olney	3 Acars.

The wch seaverall percells soe bestowed, (or ye most part thereof:) was, to be Deducted out of Each their Second Divission between ye Lines: And granted by ye Towne y^{t} he hath Liberty to take | it | vp togather for his Conveinency, neere vnto Locusqussett.

[0329] Att a Towne Meetting ye 27th of January 1674: or 75. Thomas harris Senr: Moderator.

Voted & Granted vnto John whipple jun^{r}: in ye behalfe of Joshua verin fomerly jnhabitant of ye Towne of providence That y^{e} sd John whipple may have all such Landes as are due to y^{e} sd verin Layd out to him for y^{e} use of y^{e} sayd verin appoynted by y^{e} Atturney of y^{e} sd verin)

A True Coppa: as it Recorded in y^{e} 147th page of y^{e} Towne booke of Brass-Clapses: Coppied jan: 22nd: 16$\frac{80}{81}$:

℘ Dan: Abbott Towne Clerke.

Att a Towne Meetting y^{e} 6th of Aprill 1675: Capt: ffen^{r}: Moderat^{r}:

M^{r}: William C[ ]ter doth heare acknowledge himselfe Contented [ ] Land on y^{e} west side of [ ] Seaven Mile [ ]

(Verso)

Att a Towne meetting y^{e} 12th of Aprill i67[ ]: / Cap^{tn} ffen^{r}: Mod:^{r}.

Voted. That Joshua Verin hath noe Right in this Towne of providence; and therefore Deny John whipple to draw a paper for y^{e} Divideing of any Land in y^{e} behalfe of y^{e} sd Joshua Verin.

A true Coppy, in y^{e} 1|5|8th page of y^{e} Towne Booke of Brass Clapses Coppied y^{e} i8th of january 16$\frac{80}{81}$: / ℘ Dan: Abbott Towne Cl:

Att a Towne meetting y^{e} 26th of May 1675: /

Thomas harris Moderator:

Voted. That whereas John whipple jun^{r}: proffered 50 shillings in y^{e} behalf of Joshua Verin, The towne hath voted y^{t} y^{e} Towne Conclude that y^{e} sd verin hath noe Right to Land in this Towne, And therefore refuse to accept of y^{e} sd verin his Money.

This alsoe a True Coppy, in y^{e} i64th page of y^{e} Towne Book as above mentioned:

Coppyed y^{e} i8th of Jan: 16$\frac{80}{81}$: / ℘ Dan: Abbott Cl:

[0330] Providence y^{e} 15th day of March 168$\frac{0}{1}$

This bill bindeth me Daniell Abbott of providence in Road jsland Collony my heirs & Assignes to pay or cause to payd & delivered vnto Jeremiah Roades of pautuxett in y^{e} Collony aforesd vpon y^{e} first day of y^{e} month of may next Ensueing at y^{e} sd Towne of providence, vpon his demand three yovng heiffers; that is to Say, a | three yeare old | heiffer, a two yeare old heiffer, & a yearling heiffer; And besides ye sd payment | to be | at ye day prefixed, ye sd Roades at this present day haue received of ye sd Abbott Twenty shillings & five shillings | & | foure | pence | in silver; Thirty povnds in good porke, one Barrell of peach juce; (but ye barrell to be returned to ye sd Abbott againe) All w^{ch}, being for ye full payment of a full Right of Comoning in ye sd Towne of providence; wch ye sd Roades wth ye free Consent of his wife Maudlin Roades, have Sould vnto ye sd Abbott, As is manifested by a deed vnder ye sd Jeremiah Roades his hand & seale,

bareing Date this present day as aboue exprest: Jn wittnesse whereof, I Doe heare vnto Sett my hand.

Daniell Abbott:

Signed & delivered in ye presence of.

The Mark X of Margrett Abbott
John walling

(*Verso*)

The endorsment:

Received vpon y^e accovnt of this bill as therein is exprest, That is to Say, Twenty five shillings & foure pence in silver, Thirty povnds of porke, y^e sd Barrell of peach juce. I Say Red | by me | wittnesse my hand this 15th of March 168$\frac{0}{1}$

Jeremiah Rhoades

Received | of Daniell Abbott | this first day of May 1681 / vpon y^e full payment of this within written Bill y^e sd three heifferes as wittnes my hand y^e day & yeare abovesd. Jeremiah Rhoades

wittnes.
Zachariah ffield.
hannah Matheson.

[0331] A List of a Rate of i0£. in Cuntrey pay, Levied on this Towne of providence vpon ye 29th of January: i680: or 81: To ye End appoynted, according as ye Towne Enjoyneth Concerneing ye sd Rate: The wch are as ffolloweth

jmpri:

	£	s	d
William Carpenter & his two Sons, Silas & Benjamin	00	08	10.
Stephen Arnold	00	11	08.
William Haughkings	00	00	08.
James Blackmore	00	00	08.
Jeremiah Rhoades	00	00	08.
John Sheldon	00	02	06.
Joseph williams	00	02	08.
William Harris	00	02	11.
Andrew Harris	00	02	04.
John ffeild & his Son Zachariah ffeild	00	03	08.
John Steer	00	02	00.
James Mathuson	00	02	08.
Tho: Clemence	00	02	08.
Anthony Everden	00	03	06.
Henry Browne	00	03	06

	£	s	d
Parden Tillinghast & his son John	00	04	06.
Samuell winsor	00	02	08.
Capt: william Hopkins	00	02	02.
Anne Harris	00	02	00
Dan: williams	00	07	06.
Tho: Harris	00	02	06
George way	00	00	04.
Tho: Hopkins jun^{r}	00	00	04.
Tho: ffeild	00	08	00.
Nathaniell waterman	00	08	10.
Tho: Angell	00	02	04.
James Angell	00	0i	00.
Tho: Olney	00	03	06.
Rich: pray, mary & Ephraim pray	00	03	00.
Dan: Browne	00	0i	03.
Samuell Right	00	0i	03.
Roger williams	00	0i	00.
John Thornton	00	0i	08.
John whipple jun^{r}.	00	02	05.

	£	s	d
John whipple Senr.	00	02	02.
John Smith Miller	00	02	06.
Shadrach manton & his Son Edward	00	04	09.
Epenatus Olney	00	02	00.
Tho: Paty	00	01	09.
Tho: Olney jun^{r}.	00	03	08.
John Browne	00	02	08.
Tho: Arnold	00	02	08.
widdow Bellew & her mother	00	00	09.
John Arnold & his mother	00	02	00
John Smith Mason and his Son Joseph	00	01	06
Tho: Harris jun^{r}	00	06	09.
Sam: whipple	00	03	06.
Benjamin Hernden	00	01	08

	£	s	d
Gregory Dexter & his Son John	00	04	09.
Esten Tomas & his Two Son's Right	00	04	08
Stephen Harding & his Son Abraham	00	04	08.
Sam: Tiff	00	02	08.
Laurence wilkisson & his Two Sons	00	02	06.
Eliezar Arnold	00	02	08.
Richard Arnold	00	03	09.
Edward Smith & his mother	00	02	08.
widdow Abigail Dexter	00	00	08
Eliezar whipple	00	02	00
Sam: wilkisson	00	02	09.
Ephraim Peirce	00	02	09.
Jonathan Sprague	00	02	09.
John pray	00	01	06.
John Bellew	00	01	00
James Bellew	00	00	06

(*Verso*)

	£	s	d
Edward jnman	00	01	06.
Edward jnman jun^{r}:	00	01	06.
John Morey	00	00	09
widdow Borden	00	02	09.
Sam: Comstock	00	00	09.
John Sayles	00	02	06.
Nathaniell Morey	00	00	09.
Joseph hearnden	00	00	09.
Benjamin hernden jun^{r}.	00	00	06.
Edward Haughkings	00	00	09.

	£	s	d
Tho: ffenner	00	02	06
Timothy Carpenter	00	02	04
George Sheppard	00	00	08.
William Vincent	00	02	08
Joseph woodward	00	00	05
David whipple	00	00	09
John Haughkings	00	02	00
Alexander Balcome.		02	04

Whereas vpon ye 27th of july Last past, The Towne at theire Quarter meetting, Chused Arthur ffenner, Joseph jenckes, and Dan: Abbott, to be Chosen & appoynted to Leivy a Rate of Tenn pounds on our Towne, for y^e Sattisfieing of y^e wolfe-killers: The wch according to y^e best of our vnderstanding we have heare ꝑformed: wittnes our handes This 10th day of ffebruary: 16$\frac{80}{81}$/

Arthur ffenner
Joseph Jenckes
Daniell Abbott

[0332] To the Towne mett this 10th of ffeburarey i681

Neighbours, My Request is y^t they would be pleased to acomodate me with a lott of 40 foote in breadth & so to Reach to y^e Channell for setting a ware house & wharfe lieing Against James Ashtons lott, Tho: Olney jun:

& Also the same Grant to James Ashton of another Tho: Olney jun^r:

[0333] this: 10th: of ffebe^r $\frac{16}{81}$

The Towne is againe mett according to theire Ajornement:

| Voated | that there shall be a | Sufficient highway | Continually in being, on the west Side of Tho: wallings farme begining at y^e North End of y^e land taken up already | by Samuell Comstock | in y^e Right of Thomas Arnold, and so to run northward as far forth as ye Said farme and then to turne Eastward untill it Reach to ye high way or Roade which leadeth from ye Towne towards John Angels dwelling, & that at ye north Easterne Cornner of ye said Tho: wallings farme & ye South Easterne Cornner of Samuell Whiples farme the way Shall not be made Narrower

Voated by ye Towne y^t the severall returns of land be recorded: made by ye serviciors this Day

the Bills Depending are refered to next meeting

Recorded

(*Verso*)

Voated Jt is Granted unto James Ashton that hee Shall have a peece of land of 40 foote broade against his lott or lotts where his dwelling house stood in this Towne of Providence at ye west End thereof, Reaching to ye Channell allowing a sufficient highwa betweene the Said land & ye aforsaid lotts of ye Said James Ashton

Voated Jt is Granted unto Thomas Olney jun^r that hee Shall have a pece of land of 40 foote broade, against | the west End of | James Ashton his lott or lotts where his dwelling howse Stood, | in this Towne of Providence | & reaching to ye Channell allowing a sufficient highway betweene ye sayd land & ye aforsaid James Ashtons lotts;

(*Recto*)

Voated that Capt: Arthur ffen^r: Mr Richard Arnold, Capt: will Hopkins John whipple jun^r: & Tho: Olney juer^r: shall meete with Edward Juman & debats

ye matter with him about ye landes whereon he & others with him are settled upon, & what Couclusion & agreement the sayd persons doe make with ye said Edward Jnman & with other persons with him Conserned; the Towne will accept as theire owne act.

The which shall be performed, & a returne made to ye next quarter days meeting of this Towne

the meeting is Desolved the Bills Depend refered

Recorded:

[0334] We ye proprietors of pautuxett wth in ye Towneshipp of providence in ye Collony of Road jsland & providence plantations Jn ye Narragansett B Jn New England Jn America And some of partners predecessors: have purchased of ye cheifest monorch (of ye Jndians) called Cononicus, & his nephew called Meantinomy son to ye yongst Brother of ye sd Cononicus our foresd proprietors possessed & planted on ye Same almost forty yeares And were ye first plantors & Jnhabitants (of English men) in y^{e} sd Bay And have remained on y^{e} sd proprieties in y^{e} time of y^{e} peaquitt warr keept our possession though neare to y^{e} sd peaquittss then many of our Cuntrey men who weare barbariously slaine by them.

(*Verso*)

To y^{e} towne Mett this 11th of March 168$\frac{0}{1}$

These are to desire y^{e} Towne y^{t} they would be pleased to accomadate me with a Litt Spott of ground | of 40 ffoott square | aboue high water mark by y^{e} water side against y^{e} ffront | fence on y^{e} streett | of my father Tho: harris his now dwelling: for y^{e} wch I shall be very thankfull vnto you, And remaine yor to serve in any office of Loue to my power

Tho: Harris jun^{r}:

This Bill granted. /

[0335] To ye Towne mett this: : 11th: day of march: 1680: or | 81 |

Whereas I haue upon this Jnstant day, Entered upon, and taken into my possession: twelue Acers of upland which was my Deceased father Roger Mowrey his Right, before two wittneses, (to witt) Benjamin Hernden and Samuell Comstock, by turfe and twigg as son and Heire apparent to ye sayd Roger mowrey, The sayd land lieing upon ye south side of ye land of Stephen Harding: as alsoe I doe Claime ye land in ye New feild belonging to my sayd ffather: by him yett unsold: and desire this may be placed to record in yor records:

Yo^{r} reall ffreind:

Jonathan Mowrey

(*Verso*)

the sayd two wittneses owneing the same before the justices and the Towne meetting,

This p^r^sentation is Entered vpon Record on y^e^ 51th: page of y^e^ Towne booke of y^e^ Entry of Townes Acts.

March y^e^ 11th: 168$\frac{0}{1}$: / ℘ Dan: Abbott Towne Cl:

[0336] To y^e^ Towne mett this 27th of Aprill: 1681:

These are to desire y^e^ Towne to grant me Libberty to exchange Lay downe A fifty Acree Divission share of vpland in y^e^ new Devission: The which was Layd out vnto my deceased father Zachariah Rhoades on y^e^ Right hand of ye way goe|ing| vp vnto my father' haughkings, & Layd out By Tho: Harris Surveyer in ye yeare: 1667: & As it is in ye Towne Booke exprest. for ye wch I shall be thankfull vnto you & remaine Yo^rs^ to Command | in any office of Love /

Jeremiah Rhoades

To ye towne mett this 27th. of Aprill: 1681.

Whereas I am Creadiablely Enformed, that Tho: Roberts (of this Towne of providenc Deceased) had a Right of foure Acars of Land | wch was Layd out for a share of Medow. | Laying betwene Capt ffenn^r^s Land, & ye Land now in ye possesion of Tho: feild in providence neck:

These are to desire you would be pleased to grant Libberty, that ye bovndes of ye sd Right may be reuised | & settled | by yor Towne Surveyer; Whereby I may, (as an Atturney to | Christopher | Roberts, heire to ye sd Land) give Dan: Abbott (to whome I have already sould it) | an | Assurance of ye Same;

Remaineing yor ffriend Rich: Smith

An atturney to ye sd Roberts.

(*Verso*)

The Bill is Granted, he paying his Change mon[ ]ing to law. The w^ch^ | was | ℘formed ℘ Dan: Abbott, [ ] behalfe of ye within named Jeremiah Rho[ ]

[0337] To the towne met this 27th of Aprill 168i for as | much as, | John Joans by ye providenc of god is not of Capasitie to liue with out sum Reliue and Consequently it must be from this Towne we therfore whos names are here vnto subscribed, hold our selves bound eaqually wth the rest to se that he may not suffer for want of Convenant suply. in such A Case and to y^t^ end we desire the towne to take in to their Care and Custody what lands he hath that so it may not be Childishly dispos|s|ed of to noporpos as to his relife: and their Care in so doing will ℘vent great Charg that is Like to Jnsue) and Jf it be not prevented in time: it may Cause moast of this Tow to Rember ther neclect

John: Thornton: se^r^
Epenetus Olney:
Thomas harris Juner
John Steere
Samuel winsor

Samuel whiple
goarg way his [ ]
John Dexter
John Whipple:
Ben Whipple:

[0338] To the Towne mett this 27th of Aprill 1681

I Desire you would be pleased to graunt me forty foot Square of Land Lying Against the hows Lott which was my fathers next the salt watter and in so Doing you will obleg your frend to serue you)

Samuel winsor

[0339] To ye Towne: mett upon Ajornement Aprill | the: 28th: 1681 |

I desire yor Consideration as to ye resideing of Thomas Cooper in or Towne: who Carrieth ye matter as one not fitt here to reside: as by his Clamers against ye Towne: as is sayd | may: Appere |

℘r me John Steere

[0340] To you Thomas Cooper now resideing | wth | in ye jurisdiction of this Towne of providence in his Majesties Collony of Rhoad-jsland & providence Plantations in New-England

Whereas there is a Complaint to ye Towne this day come Against you of Some Miss-carriage of yors Since you came into this Townes jurisdiction: These are therefore in ye Town's name, to desire | & require | you to make your personall apperance before them at theire next Towne meetting, wch will be vpon ye 6th day of june next, To give Answer to Such things as shall then be Objected against you; Whereof you are not fayle as you Answer ye Contrary.

Jn ye name & by ye order of ye Towne

℘ me Daniell Abbott Towne Clerke

Att or Towne meetting Aprill ye 28th: 1681.

[0341] Att a Towne meetting of Election vpon june ye 4th. Jn ye yeare i666: Jt being ye 2nd day of ye week Mr Roger williams Moderator.

Jt is ordered by ye Towne, that from this day forward, if any man desire a deed of this Towne of providence of his purchasse Right of Land, and Commonning, or of his five & Twenty Acre Right wch he hath had a grant of from this Towne that ye Towne Clerke shall write him a deede thereof, the partye Satisfieing ye Clerke for writeing of it,) and it shall be signed & sealed at a Towne meetting mett vpon Lawfull warneing;) in ye prsence of ye Towne by one of ye Assistants & ye Towne Clerke in ye behalfe of ye Towne; The wch deede being soe signed, & sealed as aforesd by ye genrll Assistant, & ye Clerke, Jt shall be as Authenticke to all intents, & purposses vnto ye partye receiveing of ye deede, as if Every man of this Towne did perticularly sett vnto his hand & seale: /

This above written, is a True Coppie, As it is vpon Record on ye 44th page of ye Towne booke of Brasse Clapses:

Coppied june ye 5th: i680: / ℘ Dan: Abbott Towne Clerke

(*Verso*)

Att a Towne meett|ing. vpon jurnment| ye 28th of Aprill: 1681 Capt ffenner | Continues | Moderator.

Jt is granted by ye Towne, that ye deed signed & sealed By Jeremiah Rhoades vnto Daniell Abbott bareing date ye nineteenth day of this jnstant month Aprill: 1681. may be be putt vpon Record in o^r Towne Booke

Jt is alsoe granted by ye Towne, that Maudlin Rhoades her signed Assent to ye deed her Husband Jeremiah Rhoades made to ye sd Abbott, may be recorded in ye Towne Booke: Aprill ye 30th: 1691:

A True Cop^a: of a Towne act, in page 53.

As attests Daniell Abbott Towne Cle

Att a Towne meetting Aprill 27th 1681 being | the Townes | quarter day: Capt ffen^r Moderator.

Voted. whereas Jeremiah Rhoades desired by Bill ye exchange of a ffifty Acree divission share of vpland in ye Second Divission; Layd out vnto his (deceased) father Zachariah Rhoades by Thomas harris Survey^r. in ye yeare 1667, The wch Lieth on ye Right hand of ye way goeing vp to his ffather william Haughkings: The wch by ye Towne is granted him, he paying his Change money, the wch was ℘formed ℘ Dan Abbott in ye behalfe of ye sd Jeremiah.

This is a True Cop^a of a Record in ye Towne Book | of ye Entry of orders | page 52.

Aprill ye 30th: i681.

As Attests Daniell Abbott Towne Clerke

[0342] To ye Towne mett June y^e: 6th: 1681: I: desire the Towne to Change: me five and twenty Acres of upland: the which lieth upon ye playne by ye Vallye called Goatrum Vallye, and I shall take it Elcewhere upon ye Comon, Yo^t

Jo^n: Whipple Senr

(*Verso*)

This Bill is Granted by ye Towne

[0343] To ye Towne mett June y^e: 6th: i681: Hon^rd Gentelmen, if ye poore and low Condition, of a poore Widdow haue noe Jnflveance upon ye harts of yor rate makers, but to rate me where there is noe justice for it before God nor man, that they should rate me to serjants wages, and House rent, I cannott see just Cause, for these reasons, first ye serjant hath neither power, nor ocation to warne me to yor mettings, knowing I am not allowed any voate there, Seccondly all my lands meadows and orchard lys Comon to yor Bennifitt, and not to mine nor ye orphans of my Deceased Husbands. Thirdly if I should have Came to have Voated

to day in yor Election, perhapps it woold have benn sayd what had I to doe there: and Jf I have not to doe to Voate and make use of ye house you rate me for ye use there of, I leave to yor wisdoms to Judge of: praying yor Consideration of it, and yor Determynation of the same, Yo^{r}. poore Widow and ffreind

Abbigarll Dexter

(*Verso*)

this Bill is Granted that noe widdowes shall be rated to Hovse rent nor serjants wagess

[0344] To ye Towne mett vpon Adjurnem^{t}: june i3th: 1681

Whereas there hath been Divers Stray horses, & horse kinde Taken vp | by ℘ticular persons) with|in| this Towneship of providene: And for as much as I have been informed that there is a Law extent that ye one halfe thereof should goe to ye Towne, & ye other halfe to y^{e} ℘ticulars | person | y^{t} doth Take vp ye sd horses: And seeing our Towne is in debt: I pray them to Look for there share thereof to healp to make paym^{t}. to Answer ye same. yor ffriend

Vollentine whittm|an|

(*Verso*)

this Bill is reffered to ye next quarter meeting:

[0345] I pray the towne to take some Course for a pound without wch there is like to bloud shed about our Cattell & corne amongst us

John Thornton

providence: June the: 13th: : 1681

(*Verso*)

this Bill is refered to ye quarter metteing.

[0346] John Whipple of ye Towne of providence: (Junr) | ageged: 42: yea[ ] being Engaged according to law: thestifieth as followeth:

That Howlong Harris of sd Towne, came to this Deponants House: upon y^{e}: 20th: day of August: 81: abovt ye midle time of ye Day: and desired me to goe with her home: this Depona|nt| sayd he woold goe with her, and his wife if he Could gett a: Horse: where upon ye sayd howlong stayed till towards night: and then | I | Jnformed her I covld not goe yett: then shee sayd shee woold goe home, this Deponant told her shee might stay all night there was a bedd at her service: shee Answered I matter not if I doe, for I have a Letter to write: and I will stay and write that, and it will Save me Coming to ye Towne againe: soe this Deponant provided a bedd for ye sayd Howlong to lodge in: where only Children and | my Daughters | lodged in | sd. roome | but shee | seeing | Caves not to Except ye same: other persons had ye Grant of it, and were hastned to theire lodgeings, y^{t}

shee might goe to writeing as shee did: soe I helped her to Candles in order thereto, and shutt ye Dores and went to my lodgeing [ ] left h[ ] writeing: and some small time a fore Day lig[ ] Call[ ] up by one that Came for some wine for one in [ ]as [ ] Travill: and after ye wine was filled to ye party: I filled my pipe and smoaked it, by which | time I had done | it was day light, then sayd shee goe to bedd | that | I may finnish my letter, ye which I did, and in ye morneing when I first Waked: saw my dore|s| both open: and not any of my famaly in ye roome and hereing ye sound of talking in ye Chamber: but Could not here one playne word, presently one of my Davghters came into ye roome, then I asked where howlong was, my garll Answered shee is gone up Chamber: I think to sleep: then I sayd where is oneseforus, ye garll sayd he is gon to my Grandfather Whipple^s: then this Deponant sayd where is T|h|omas: ye garll Answered I doe not know I did not see him: since he came out of ye new hovse Chamber, soe my garle passed out of ye roome againe; and then ye sayd onesieforus: came in at ye other dore next to my father^s: and pased as I thovght throvgh ye roome at ye other Dore: and presently upon it I heard one say you shant, and another say I will, then I heard ye same words againe | but they w[ ] |

(*Verso*)

[ ] then I called sayeing, oneseforus come heith; soe he came to me to ye bedd side: then I sayd to him, that same fellow dissturbs howlong: nameing ye words to him y^t I heard, sayeing goe put him by; soe then he went up in to ye Chamber where they were and presently came dovne againe and my little Boye with him, the which I knew not to be theire till he came dovne with him ye sd onesefo^r: then ye sayd oneseforuss asked me for a gill of rum I sayd I woold fill it when I gott up, soe turneing my back towards him: to taulke to my wife: he filled one for him selfe: (as often times he had done before) and went up into ye Chamber againe: and then ye sayd oneseforus came dovne againe, (with ye gill of Drink, or most of it in his hand) and Howlong, and ye sayd Thomas, ye sayd: howlong passing out of one dore, and ye sayd Thomas at ye other Dore: and ye sayd oneseforus Coming to | my | bedd side: gave me one dram cupp full of his rum, and my wife another: and ye rest to one of ye garls: (as I think) and then told me of Some Actions that he sayd he saw by them, as he stood upon ye stares: to ye which I sayd I dont beleive yov: why doe yov jest after such a fort, he Answering: againe sayd if yov will not beleive me ask yor Boye Silvanus for he was in ye Chamber neere to them: , soe ye sayd oneseforus went | out | of ye Dore, and neere ye Dore taulked with ye sayd How[ ]: and then they came in, and ye sayd Howlong went [ ] fecth her mare, and when shee had fitted her to goe: called this Deponant out, sayeing oneseforus had told her of something of unsciuellty betwixt her and ye sayd Thomas: but | shee | sayd

shee knew not | where it was or not, | but if it were soe shee | woold | lay ye favlt upon me, staying for mee and my wife to goe with her, I answered her againe shee might have gone home had shee not stayed to write a letter to John pocock, and therefore should not blame mee being not blame worthy: for that woold be hard measvre for my Good will, further this Deponant sayth not:

(*Verso*)

My Testemony about Howlong and Tom, Drewe

[0347] To ye Towne mett July y^e^: 27th: 1681: these are to desire ye Towne to settle a day ye which may be most bennifisall to ye Towne for ye mowing of ye thachbeds: and y^t^ some Covettuos persons may not by theire hast ruanate ye thach be grow upon ye Bedds by ye soe sudaine cutting of ye same: before it is Growne: yor ffreind: Elia Whipple:

(*Verso*)

July y^e^: 29th: 168i ye 2: Bill

[0348] To Capt: Arthor ffenner: m^r^ Joseph Jiencks: and m^r^ Richard Arnold Asistants: | or any other in Authority | these are to forbid you and Every of you, that you doe not Joyne John pocoke and my Daughter Howlong Harris to geather in marrage: till I here from my Husband of his Consent to it and leagall publycation: as law requireth: nor suffer them to take Each other before any of you: and doe Jmpower my frind and yours John Whipple jun^r^ to speake for me and my Husband in ye Case: soe in hast I take leave: Yo^r^ to serve:

dated at my house Susan Har|r|is

Pautuxet ye 29th: of June 1681

(*Verso*)

m^r^ Harris order about pocock

[0349] Know All men By these presence y^t^ I Walter Roades of prouidence in ye colony of Rhoad Jslond & prouidence. plantashons in America: doo Atherise & constituce. my wel. beloued friend John Whippel. Junor to bee my Lawfull Aturney to demand & to Receiue All debtes dewes & demandes belonging to mee. from Hanah Ballew widow of prouidence & to sew for mee & when Receiued to giue A full. discharge. As I my selfe

As witnes my hand this seuenth day of September | 1681. |

Walter Roades

ye debt is fiue pound & fiue shilings

(*Verso*)

Road^s^ letter of Atorney

[0350] These are to signifie to all persons that Thomas paty of ye Towne of providence in his majestys Collony of Roade-Js-land and providence plantations Ectt, Did | upon ye first of Decem^{b}: 1681 | take up a stray Beast, being a streere: | and | as hee jvgeth of abvot a yeares old and vantage, of Covler Black, with some white a bout him, marked one both Eares with a fore gadd,

[0351] To ye towne mett this 7th of decem^{r}: 1681
These are to desire you to grant me Leave to change a Little peice of grovnd wch Lyeth in ye neck not farr from (ye Called) Dexters Leane, & to take it vp elsewhere on ye Townes Common: for ye wch I shall be Thankfull to you And remaine yor neighbour

Dan: Ab Towne

(*Verso*)

Jn ye name & by ord^{r}: of ye Towne By me Daniell Abbott Towne Clerke
This Bill is Granted and recorded aboute 3 Acars & 3 quarters

[0352] To The towne met this: 7: of desember: 8i: I desire that the toune wold chang me a small parsel of land and lay it els wheare

Thomas Arnold

(*Verso*)

halfe a share of meadow
this Bill granted and recorded

[0353] To the Towne of Prouidence mett Desember the 7th 168i Neabours thare is one Thomas Copper in this towne only vpon sefferans which I heare is like to make great wast of our pick woyd by runing of tar which will be great lose & damage to this towne thare fore I pray the towne to take soum speedy care to preuent it in time
soe I Rest yours

Thomas ffield

(*Verso*)

Bill is granted and recorded

[0354] To the Towne | of prouidence | mett this 7th of Desember 168i
I pray the towne to Consider that thare may be sofisant hig ways to the water side & at Convenant plases or else it may | be | great danage to the towne soe I Rest your ffreend

Thomas ffield

[0355] to the toun of prouidenc met this 7 of december 1681
neibors I desior that you would grant me libertey to fens about too akres of your Comon which lyes against my medo which I am about to fens in & that my

fens may run strait and I will satesfie the toun when thay shall setel the hie way which now comes oueser my land and in so Doueing you will plesear your frend

John Dexter

(*Verso*)

This Bill is granted and recorded:

[0356] to the town met this 7 of desember 1681

I pray yo to let mee Chaing my land which lies near John hakings which is part of my fild and twenty aker shar your frend richard pray

(*Verso*)

this Bill is granted and recorded it is Twenty five Acre Right Ariseing by John Clawson his Comoning:

[0357] To the Towne of Prouidenes mett this 14th of Desem|ber| 168i I pray the Towne to Consider that thare is A great many Strangers Com in to this towne & others my com quickly therefore I pray the towne to make an order that no person shall com in to this towne to in habbitt in the towne but what may | be | exsepted by the towne Counsell & the towne Counsell to haue | power | to send Any out of this towne that com from others Colneys soe I Rest yours

Vallatine Whitman

(*Verso*)

this Bill is Granted and recorded

[0358] to the toun Meet the. 7th. of Desember: 81: my Request is that I may Change three Acors of Land. which Sayd Land Lyeth. one obsaution hill and is bounded one three Sids with the the Land of Nicholas power and doth hinder the Convenent Acommodation of the Said Nichol: his Land and if you Grant my bill you will: oblige your frind Samuell Whiple:

(*Verso*)

This Bill is granted and recorded

[0359] Bee it Enacted by this Asemb, and ye Athority thereof, for ye Regulating of Disorderly selling of all sorts of stronge liquors wine and stronge Drincke, and setting up tipling hovses without liecenes in any of ye respective Townes Villages and places of this Collony, This Asemble: seariously weighing ye premises, Doe order that ye Towne Counsells of Each respective Towne Villa[ ] and place or major part of them on leagall war[ ] meeting, are hereby Authorised to Gran[ ] and to suppress any persons that shall sell by [ ] as Aforesayd withovt: or Contrary to their or [ ] And that ye offenders shall be liable to be

De[ ] all acording to ye law of En-g-land, and to pa[ ] first offence a fine of forty shilings for theire [ ] Transgration in or as mony, but in Case ye respective Towne Covnsells Neglect then two majestrates upon just Complaynt, are Authorized to give lycences, as well as to suppress those y^{t} Disorderly sell as aforesayd; any law to ye Contrary here of in any wise not with standing

A Trve Coppie Coppied Decemb^{r} y^{e}: 22th: 1681 ꝑ^{r} me John Whipple Clerk

ye Act of ye Gener^{ll} Asem^{le}: ye 4th: of may: 1680

(*Verso*)

ye Asembly [ ] aboute licenc[ ]

[0360] Whereas there hath of long time benn a diference betweene ye towne of Providence, & the 13 Proprietors of Pautuxett, who originally were Roger Williams, William Arnold thomas James John Greene, John Throckmorton, William Harris, Thomas Olney Richard Waterman, ffrancis Weston, Ezechiell Holliman, Robert Coles, Stukley Westcott, & William Carpenter, as Concerning ye devideing of ye landes of Pautuxett belonging to ye said 13 proprietors from ye Gennerall Comon of ye aforsaid Towne of Providence; And whereas severall of ye said proprietors are deceased, & ye said diference yet remaineth betweene ye said Towne & those of ye said proprietors who are sirviveing & ye successors of those deceased, & is from time to time agmented; The said Towne of Providence & ye now proprietors of ye said Pautuxett being throughly sencible of ye Evill Effects of discord, & well weighing, & Considering ye badd Consequence of Contention in Case it be further left unto posteritye, are rather willing to propegate an amitye & peaceable neighbourhood to themselves & theire successors by a mutuall settlement of ye devision of ye said lands by meets & boun[ ] amongst themselves y^{t} thereby all Controvercyes betweene them concerning ye same may Cease & all Animosityes unto posteritye may be Extinguished, Jn order whereunto ye said Towne of Providence have nominated chosen & appoynted Arthur ffenner, Richard Arnold, William Hopkins, Edward Smith, & Thomas Olney as theire Trustees, & fully impowred them in theire name, & on theire behalfe to treat, detirmine Conclude, & fully agree with ye said proprietors of Pautuxett; & what ye said Arthur ffenner, Richard Arnold, William Hopkins, Edward Smith & Thomas Olney, doe detirmine, agree & asent, unto on ye said Townes behalfe, to stand good to all intents & purposses.

Therefore, This Jndenture made betweene ye Towne of Providence by theire Trustees Arthur ffenner, Richard Arnold, William Hopkins, Edward Smith, & Thomas Olney on ye one part, and ye now proprietors of Pautuxett on ye other part wittnesseth, That for ye Jssuing, finishing, & finall Ending of all, & all manner of diferences as Concerning ye devision of theire lands betweene them, That ye landes

belonging to ye proprietors of Pautuxett shall Extend as farr westward as the seaven mile line already set by ye aforsaid Towne of Providence seven miles from ye hill Called ffoxes Hill & no farther: And that ye said seven mile line shall be finished southward by running of it due south to ye southernmost Extent of the plantation of Providence aforsaid; in which plantation is Comprised all ye landes of ye said Towne of Providence, & ye landes of Pautuxett, And y^t ye said line shall be deemed, & is Concluded & detirmined to be ye thwart line direct from Wanasquatuckett River to Pautuxett River; And y^t ye midle way be by measure found between|e| Wanasquatuckett River at ye place where ye said seven mile line Crosseth it, & ye southernemost Extent of ye aforsaid plantation, in which Middway a landmarke shall be fixed. And y^t at ye marked tree at Mashapauge field which formerly ye deuision of ye aforsd Townes Comon from Pautuxett landes was made unto; or at least ye place where ye said tree stood in case it be downe, ye midle way by measure betweene | Pautuxet River | & Wanasquatuckett River shall be found where another land marke shall be fixed, & then a line shall be runn from Each of ye said landmarks unto ye other as streight as Conveniently it may be, the which said line shall be ye devideing line from East to west, devideing ye aforsaid Townes comon, or lands from ye landes of Pautuxett saveing only w^t had formerly benn runn from ye head of ye spring running into Saxefrax Cove to ye aforsaid marked tree at Mashapauge to stand good. And that it is Covenanted & agreed betweene ye said Towne of Providence by theire said Trustees Arthur ffenner, Richard Arnold, William Hopkins, Edward Smith & Thomas Olney & ye now proprietors of ye said Pautuxett that all ye landes lieing on ye south side of ye said devideing line, & on ye East side of ye aforesaid seven mile line Extending so farr northward as ye land marke aforsd Exprest, in ye mid way unto Wanasquatuckett River, shall be, & Remaine unto ye said Proprietors of Pautuxett to them theire heirs & Assignes for Ever; And y^t all ye landes on ye north part of ye said devideing line running from ye salt sea, westward, & all ye lands lieing on ye west side of ye said seven mile line shall be & Remaine unto ye said Towne of Providence, y^t is to say, unto Every perticular person in ye said Townes landes intrested according to theire proprietyes, to be to them theire heirs & Assignes for Ever. And lastly, ye now proprietors of ye said Pautuxett, doe Covenant, and agree with ye said Towne of Providence That henceforth, from ye day of ye date here of all, & all manner of Jncumbrances, Evictions, amercements, suits, vedicts, judgments, Costs, Charges, damages, forfitures & Executions as any wayes relateing to ye said landes aforementioned (or any diference thereupon,) which have at any time benn by ye now proprietors aforsd, or any of them, or theire, or any of theire predecessors anywayes Comenct, procured, or obtained, against ye said Towne of Providence shall for Ever tirminate, Period & wholy Cease, & in this theire mutuall agreement fully to Conclude

the mark of Johana Reepe X

Jn witnesse of ye premises both ye proprietors of Pautuxett, & ye Towne of Providence by theire Trustees have sett to theire handes the Sixteenth day of Januarey in the yeare 1682: 83.

Roger Wjlljams	Beniamin Carpenter	Susan Harris	Arthur ffenner
Nathaniell Waterman	Howlong Harris	Jeremiah Rhoades	Richard Arnold
Silas Carpenter	William Carpenter	Peleg Rhoades	William Hopkins:
Thomas ffield	with my consent my two sones haue supcribed		Edward Smith
			Thomas Olney.

(*Verso*)

The instrument on the other side of this Paper written is Recorded in Providence Records, in the booke Called the booke with brass Claspes & in Page 181 & 182. /

Recorded May the 24th: 1705: ꝑ me

Tho: Olney Towne Clerk. /

[0361] to the town of prouidenc met this: 17th: of july: i682:

My Request is that Sume kare may bee takun Consarning the thach beeds, Least by the tow Arly Cuting of them thay | be | vtterly distroyed, though Sume few men may bee at present benefited and but litle yet the tounes pre|uelge| will bee Lost if Sume Stop bee not | put | to the Arly Cuting of it:

William Hopkins:

[0362] Where as you John Whipple Junr of this town [ ] and broken your promas and ingagement in th[ ] your parsonall appearance Before us the thre[ ] of this instant January 1681 or 82 for to an[ ] selling of strong drinke by Retale Contre[ ] To you Joseph Jenckes Junr | and | Thomas ffen[ ] of this town of prouidence or Ether of yo[ ] Requier you forthwith in his majestyes [ ] king of England Ets to Bring before us the [ ] Junr of this town of prouidence att the Dwe[ ] of Joseph Jenckes: to answer for his Contemtious Strong Drinke Contrearey to law: and you heare by [ ] To take Sufisiant ayd with you if need R[ ] faile not as you will answer the Contrary a[ ]

Giuen vnder our hands this 28th day of January [ ]

Arthur ff[ ]
Joseph Jen[ ]
Richard [ ]

A true Copye by me Joseph Jenckes Junr [ ] this town of prouidence

(*Verso*)

Joseph jiencks warrant;

[0363] To ye Towne of providence mett this i3th of march: 1681

These are to desire ye Towne y^{t} they would be pleased to accomodate me wth a Little peice of grovnd of 40 foott quare above high water mark by ye water side against & with in ye Compass of ye Breadth of my Master Tho: Harris, & Abraham Man theire home Lotts, wth ye prievilledge | of | a whorf alsoe, I having theire Consents theire vnto: The w^{ch} (alsoe) being by ye Towne | granted | me, may obleidge yor petitioner Peter place

This may Certifie ye Towne y^{t} we are willing that Peter place may be accomidated according to his Bill, that is to say, ye one halfe of ye said quantity, against one of our Rights, & ye other halfe against ye other between vs. | causeing no damege to us their by A M | wittnes o^{r} handes This 13th day of march: 1682.

Apon this Considaration that if hee lef|u| it wee are to hafe it for Resonabel sattisfection,

Thomas Harris Seniar.

(*Verso*)

This Bill is granted nott damnifieng ye persons in ye lotts Conserned: and to be left to ye Discretion of ye two persons and ye serveior or serveiors y^{t} shall lay it out,

T W . . . .
Tho E . .
E h S G
S W

[0364] Richard Arnold agreed about: 40: yeares testifieth and saith I being one the third of April go|e|ing from my home porposeing to goe to Seaconk met my Jndian man called Sam who came then from my seller att the new feelds I asked him whether the canow ware there that I might goe over the river he told me it was by the seller when he came away; but when I came to the seller, there was: 3: squaws and thay told me an Jndian had caried the canow over the river and was gone: but the squaw called marget sams sister told me there was a bark canow that I might goe over in: I went out and out and saw it and came in to the seller againe and told her I never went in such a canow and I did not like it: thinking I must goe vp to the falls to goe over: but shee told me that two men came over in that canow last night: and presently went out of the seller: and I went out quikly after her and saw her puting the canow into the water, and I saw it leaked and said if shee went in that over the river shee had best take a dish to throw out the water if much came in: but shee toke none: but put ofe the bark canow speeking to the other two squaws which I vnderstod not: and went to goe over the river: and I saw when shee | was | aboue halfe ouer the river the canow swome deep and shee paddeled toward the other side but before shee came neere

the shore shee left the canow and went to swiming: and then I hallowed thinking posible there might be some body one the other side might help her with the other canow: but no body came: and I kept hallowing till shee sunk vnder water and rose no more that I saw

two Jndian | squaws | did one the: 4th: of April: 1682: declare vnto the Jury Samvel Tift being thaire Jnterpreter, that the day be fore: Richard Arnold came to goe over the river and the canow thay vsally went in was left one the other side the river: but the squaw called marget told him there was a bark canow hee might goe in: but hee seemed not to like it: and marget being in the seller apounding corne in a morter suddenly rose vp and went out one her owene acord and went to the water side to the canow and got into it to goe over the river, and thay asked whether shee thought shee cold goe well in it she said shee wold try and if it did not doe well shee wold come back againe soe shee went and when shee was aboue hafe way over hir canow seemed | to | fail and shee left it and went to swiming but co|v|ld not get to shore but sunk in the river /

(*Verso*)

April the :4th: 1682 Sam Jndian declared that the day before he and his brother hereing that his sister called marget was drowned in the river, by the new feelds he and his brother tom went in the After none to see if thay co|v|ld find her and take her vp and thay lo|o|cking diligently att low water found her abovt sun sett in the Channel and thay toke her vp and brought her to shore and shee was dead

[0365] A Memorandum, and True Report, concarning a parcel of Land belonging to ffatherlesse Children in this Town of Providence, presented to the courteous men of the said Town, by Gregory Dexter: shewing,

That whereas about twenty Eight yeares since, the Town aforesaid granted unto me ten acres of lowe-Land, on the North-side of the West-river, commonly by some, called, Dexters new Medow; and the said ten acres was layd out by the Towns Surveyor, and I cleared a part thereof, and mowed one yeare three load of hay there: but finding such spoyle by the Cattel, I ceased, & mowed else-where. And when my Son James marryed, I gave the said ten acres to him, & other Lands, & before he dyed, he Willed | all | the said Lands to his Children. And whereas this Winter I heard, that a part of the aforesaid Land at the west River was relayd by Captain Hopkins, whereupon I went to him, to acquaint him of what I heard, & he answered, what he had done in that respect, it was through ignorance, &c. then I told him, I would have him go with me thither, & I would shew him the bounds, & that I would not go there to seek for the bounds, until he went with me, accordingly we went together, & I shewed him the bounds

& I find, as was reported, that he hath relayd a great part of that, which I cleared & mowed, as abovesaid.

Therfore my request is to you, That you do not countenance this relaying of the Lands of the ffatherlesse, but remember an unrepealed Law, viz. Remove not the old Land-mark, & enter not into the fields of the ffatherlesse, for their Redeemer is mighty, he shal plead their Cause with thee, Proverbs 23. 10, 11.

ffare-ye-well.

Providence this 13th. of the moneth called March $\frac{81}{82}$

(*Verso*)

This Bill is refered to ye next quarter meeting Aprill ye: 27th: 1682
This Bill is refered to ye quarter meeting in July next,

[0366] To the Towne of Prouid now Asembled this 27 of Aprill

my Request is that I may Exchaing fifty acres of land not Exceeding Sixty and Eight acres | and a halfe | of medow the medow lieth on the Easter|n| Side of a Small Riuer | or | brook that Cometh from a place Called the keys and | the | vland lieth not far Southward from the medow and about two miles northward from John hawkings his dwelling: the vpland and part of ye medow was land out in the Right of my Grand father Edward Manton and ye Rest in the Right of my father: in the Deuision of medows. Your Neighbor Edward Manton:

(*Verso*)

these are to signifie that all the lands Contained in this bill are the propper Right of my Son Edward Manton
Shadrach Manton

This Bill is Granted by ye Towne as Attest:
John Whipple Junr: Clerke /

[0367] To ye Towne mett this 27th of Aprill: 1682

Wheras you cannot well be insenciable of ye Condition of or Neigbor widdow Taber how yt | she | wanteth releife as to her mai[ ] tain[ ] (for provision) by ye Towne: Therefore I doe Adjudge it is be hovefull for ye Towne to supply her wth aboute four povnds worth of provission yearely Dureing her Life.

Yor ffriend Dan: Abbott

(*Verso*)

This Bill is reffered

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